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IT MUST HAVE TAKEN A WHILE TO GROW YOUR HAIR THIS LONG.
IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL. ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT IT CUT SHORT?
I'M SURE.
WITH MY HAIR THIS LONG, KIDS KEEP MISTAKING ME FOR A GIRL.
SNIP!
SNIP!
SNIP!...

#25『Starry Starry Night CHAPTER 4 "Hush-a-bye my dear."』

VAMPIRE DOLL GUILT-NA-ZAN

MAIN CHARACTERS

STORY SO FAR:

IN DAYS OF OLD, EUROPE'S MOST FEARFUL VAMPIRE WAS GUILT-NA-ZAN. OVER A CENTURY AFTER BEING SEALED AWAY BY THE EXORCIST KYOGISAI YOTOBARI, THE LEGEND HAS BEEN REVIVED AS A GIRL BY KYOGISAI'S POWERFUL DESCENDANT, KYOJI. NOW, GUILT-NA-ZAN LIVES AS A MAID FOR THE YOTOBARI FAMILY WHILE OCCASIONALLY BEING USED AS A MONSTER HUNTER. THE HARDSHIPS OF GUILT-NA-ZAN CONTINUE...

LONG AGO, HE WAS KNOWN AS THE LORD OF VAMPIRES, THE MOST FEARED OF ALL HIS KIND. KYOJI RESURRECTED HIM INTO THE FIGURE OF A WAX DOLL. NOW HE MUST OBEY KYOJI.

THIS IS WHAT GUILT-NA ORIGINALLY LOOKED LIKE. BY SUCKING 1CC OF TONAE'S BLOOD, HE CAN TRANSFORM INTO HIMSELF-- BUT ONLY FOR TEN MINUTES!

A VERY SKILLED BUT LAZY EXORCIST. HE SPENDS MOST DAYS MAKING FUN OF GUILT-NA.

ORIGINALLY A BAT, VINCENT IS A SERVANT OF GUILT-NA-ZAN. HE'S TOO NICE TO BE CALLED A MONSTER.

SHE IS KYOJI'S YOUNGER SISTER. LIKE VINCENT, SHE IS PURE AND SOMEWHAT SPACEY.

THIS IS NOT HIS ORIGINAL FORM, FOR MARIYA IMPLANTED THIS MONSTER'S SOUL INTO A WAX DOLL. HE NOW HAS HUGE CLAWS AND IS MARIYA'S SERVANT.

A MASTER WAX-DOLL MAKER AND KYOJI'S MENTOR, MARIYA FOUND DANTE IN THE COUNTRY OF W, WHICH NO LONGER EXISTS. HE SPEAKS IN THE HIROSHIMA DIALECT, AND HIS AGE IS A MYSTERY.

HE FEEDS BY ABSORBING NEGATIVE ENERGY FROM HUMANS AND IS CURRENTLY LIVING AND WORKING AT MITSUHACHI ACADEMY.

OH... YES, I LIKE IT.
WHAT'S WRONG? DON'T YOU LIKE IT?
REALLY? I'M SO GLAD! ♡
OKAY! I'M DONE! ♡
OH, VAMPIRE ARISTOCRAT! YOU LOOK VERY HANDSOME!
WHY AM I TRYING TO BE NICE TO HER?
FATHER!
I BROUGHT YOU...
...SOMETHING NICE.
THIS INNOCENT GIRL... IS SHE REALLY...?
YOU CAN'T BLAME KIDS FOR BEING ATTUNED TO YOUR BEAUTY.
ARE YOU SCARED OF HER BLOOD?!
FOR A MONSTER LIKE ME, A HUMAN LIFE IS NEITHER SHORT NOR LONG...
IT'S RIDICULOUS.

FATHER MONTGOMERY!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.
YOU ARE PRETTY ERUDITE, VAMPIRE ARISTOCRAT.
SOME OF THE ASTRONOMY BOOKS HAD BEEN SHELVED IMPROPERLY.
I'VE FINISHED ORGANIZING THE LIBRARY.
IF YOU HAD SUCKED HER BLOOD WHEN YOU FIRST MET...
...SHE WOULD SURELY HAVE DIED THEN AND THERE.
IT'S ABOUT BEYONCE.
...FOR ONE MORE THING.
AND I MUST THANK YOU...
THESE WERE MINE...
...DURING MY EARLY DAYS IN THE CHURCH. I'M GLAD TO HAVE FOUND A USE FOR THEM.
WOW! ♡
THE CLOTHES OF A PRIEST...?
ADDING A CROSS WOULD MAKE YOU LOOK EVEN BETTER.
ANYTHING BUT THAT...
.....

WHAT ?!
HEY!
FATHER! VAMPIRE!
BEYONCE ISN'T ANSWERING HER DOOR!
MASTER VAMPIRE ...
YES, RIGHT AWAY!
I'M GOING TO CHECK ON HER!
PLEASE MAKE READY FOR A POSSIBLE MEDICAL EMERGENCY!
AS A YOUNG, KIND VAMPIRE, I DO NOT DOUBT MANY HARDSHIPS AWAIT HIM IN THE FUTURE.
GOD, BLESS HIM...
GOD...
WHY DID YOU GIVE SUCH A REMARKABLE SOUL THE BODY OF A MONSTER?
IT'S GOD'S MERCY THAT THERE IS LITTLE SUFFERING.
HER PARENTS BOTH DIED YOUNG FROM THE SAME DISEASE.
I ONLY ASK BECAUSE... SHE DOESN'T SEEM ILL.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO THANK ME FOR THAT.
IS HER ILLNESS REALLY SO DIRE?
CHANCES ARE...
...SHE WON'T SURVIVE THE WINTER.
DO NOT WORRY ABOUT ME.
...I CAN SHOW MY APPRECIATION.
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY...
YOU SHOULD PUT THE CROSSES BACK.
!
BUT...

I'M SORRY! I FELL ASLEEP.
.....
BEYONCE!
NO!
IS SHE REALLY GONE... JUST LIKE THAT?!
IN THAT CASE...
OPEN THE DOOR!
YES! ♡
SO...ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WOLFGANG
OH, OF COURSE. I'LL BE RIGHT OUT!
I'M SORRY! ♡
PLEASE COME IN!
AND SHE HASN'T SAID ANYTHING?
NOT A WORD!
...BUT SHE HASN'T COME OUT OF HER ROOM SINCE NOON!
IT'S BEEN PRETTY COLD TODAY, SO SHE'S BEEN CAREFUL...
WOLF...
SAY SOMETHING!
BEYONCE!
BEYONCE!
BEYONCE!
BEYONCE!
DAMN! I CAN'T BELIEVE IN GOD!
...WITH THE INTENT OF TAKING IT AWAY SO SOON, THEN HE DOESN'T DESERVE MY FAITH.
IF HE ONLY GIVES LIFE TO SUCH A BEAUTIFUL, INNOCENT GIRL...

.....
SNOW...

HERE YOU GO!
NOW YOU LOOK LIKE AN ARISTOCRAT!

I THINK I SHOULD, TOO, IF YOU DON'T MIND...
YOU MUST HAVE WORKED TOO HARD. YOU SHOULD LIE DOWN.
YOU LOOK PALE.
WHEN WE MET...
NOT AT ALL!
SCARLET IS A NOBLE COLOR...
IT'S YOUR COLOR!
REALLY?
YOU DON'T THINK IT'S A BIT TOO MUCH?
THAT LOOKS GREAT ON YOU!
ALL THE WORK WAS WORTH IT--

THIS CLOTH...
IS IT FROM...?
I'M SORRY, WOLF!
I'M GOING TO TELL FATHER THAT YOU'RE ALL RIGHT.
AND TO THINK WE WERE WORRIED!
...I ASKED FATHER MONTGOMERY IF I COULD USE THE RITUAL CURTAIN FOR THIS.
YOUR MANTLE WAS ALL TATTERED AND TORN, SO...

I LEARNED FROM A BOOK IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY...
ALTHOUGH, TO US, STARS APPEAR CLOSE TO EACH OTHER IN THE SKY...
...THEY'RE ACTUALLY VERY, VERY FAR APART FROM EACH OTHER.
SO I USED TO THINK, ON SNOWY DAYS LIKE TODAY...
...THAT LONELY STARS WOULD SILENTLY FALL AND LAND HERE.
THAT WAY, THEY WOULDN'T BE LONELY ANYMORE, RIGHT?

SO...I WANTED TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO PROTECT YOU.
I'M GLAD I FINISHED IT IN TIME.
...I COULDN'T GIVE YOU MY BLOOD...
...EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE HUNGRY.
ぐぅぅ
A TINY WILD FLOWER...
...IS TRYING TO PROTECT A MONSTER...
Oh, dear.
LOOK! WE CAN SEE SO MANY STARS!
ISN'T IT BEAUTI-FUL?
STARS...? DO YOU MEAN THE SNOW?
AH!
I FEEL WORTH-LESS.

SO PLEASE...
DON'T CRY...
TOMOR-ROW...
...I MAY SLEEP IN.
I SHALL...
I PROMISE.
IF I'M LATE FOR MORNING PRAYERS...
...WOULD YOU HELP FATHER MONTGOMERY FOR ME?
OKAY!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING... JUST REST WELL.
VAMPIRE ARISTO-CRAT...
...YOU MUST HAVE FALLEN TO EARTH JUST LIKE THAT.
...SO VERY HAPPY...
I'M HAPPY THAT I'VE HAD THE CHANCE TO MEET YOU.
...THAT YOU CHOSE THIS PLACE TO LAND.
I'M SO GLAD...
OF COURSE.
VAMPIRE ARISTOCRAT.
THAT'S ENOUGH...?
THAT MAKES YOU HAPPY?

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Chapter 5 "I'll Remember You" I

SO...
ARE YOU GOING TO SAY FAREWELL TO BEYONCE?
YES...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE FATHER AND THE CHURCH.
I'LL BE HELPING HIM FROM NOW ON.
GOOD.

ARE YOU LEAVING?
WOLF...
THANK YOU...
...FOR HAVING ME HERE.
EVERYONE WILL MISS YOU.
BUT I UNDER-STAND.
HAVE YOU TOLD FATHER MONTGOMERY?
YES... HE GAVE ME THESE CLOTHES AS A GIFT.

REALLY...
SO WE ALL CALLED HER "BEYONCE."
SINCE IT SOUNDED LIKE A BOY'S NAME, SHE WAS ASHAMED TO USE IT.
CARRY HER NAME WITH YOU...
...AND NEVER FORGET.
FAREWELL, WOLF.
FAREWELL, BEYONCE.
FAREWELL...
...MY BEAUTIFUL DAYS OF WARMTH.
SHE'LL BE REBORN AS A TINY WILD FLOWER.
IF YOU SEE HER DURING YOUR TRAVELS, PLEASE TAKE HER WITH YOU.

BEYONCE...
YOU SLEPT IN TOO LONG...
THAT'S BEYONCE'S *REAL* NAME.
DIDN'T YOU KNOW?
WHOSE NAME IS THAT?
HER REAL NAME...?
.....
HUH?

THEN AGAIN... IT SEEMS I'M AS CARELESS AS EVER.
SINCE I'M STUCK IN BROAD DAYLIGHT, AGAIN.
...BUT THAT MAY SOON END.
MONSTERS LIKE ME ARE THE ONLY THINGS THAT REMAIN THE SAME.
BACK THEN, WHEN I COLLAPSED LIKE THIS...
...THAT GIRL CAME TO RESCUE ME...
NOW, THE MEMORY IS LIKE AN ILLUSION...
A DISTANT, FADED DREAM.
IT'S NOT A BAD DREAM TO HAVE BEFORE MY DEATH.
SOON, I'LL BE ABLE TO MEET THEM AGAIN.
.....?

OH...
...A DREAM?
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...
...SINCE I LAST DREAMED OF THEM.
THE WORLD HAS SLOWLY CHANGED...
I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER HOW LONG AGO IT WAS.
...AND ALL LIVING CREATURES HAVE CHANGED WITH IT.

NOW YOU'LL BE FINE!
EXCUSE ME... I AM A BAT WHO LIVES IN THIS FOREST.
I LOOKED DOWN WHILE I WAS CIRCLING ABOVE AND...
WHO...
...ARE YOU?

BAT MAN...
YES?
YOU'VE SAVED MY LIFE. I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU.
OH! I AM GLAD I COULD HELP YOU.
...I SAW SOMETHING SHINING, LIKE A STAR THAT HAD FALLEN TO THE EARTH.
WHEN I CAME TO LOOK, I FOUND YOU.
I'D LIKE TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOU, IN RETURN.
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE?
WELL...
IN THAT CASE...
PLEASE TAKE ME WITH YOU.
ALLOW ME TO BECOME YOUR SERVANT...
...VAMPIRE ARISTOCRAT.
THERE IS A PLACE NOT FAR FROM HERE WHERE YOU CAN SLEEP IN THE SHADOWS.
I'LL TAKE YOU THERE.
OH! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT...
...I'D BE RESCUED TWICE BY THE SAME PERSON?
YOU ARE NO WILD FLOWER.
YOU'VE BECOME SUCH A BIG MAN...

THAT STORY WAS LONGER THAN I'D THOUGHT.
THE SUN IS BEGINNING TO RISE.
...THE NAME THAT I GAVE YOU...
AS YOU ALREADY KNOW...
...VINCENT...
.....
MY LORD...
...ARISTO-CRAT.
OH, WELL...
HEY... WHEN DID YOU FALL SLEEP?
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I ACCEPT YOUR OFFER.
FROM THIS DAY FORWARD...
...YOUR LIFE IS MINE.
MY NAME IS GUILT-NA-ZAN.
LIVE THIS LIFE WITH ME FOR ETERNITY.
AS YOU WISH...

ALTHOUGH TO US, STARS APPEAR CLOSE TO EACH OTHER IN THE SKY...
...THEY'RE ACTUALLY VERY, VERY FAR APART FROM EACH OTHER.
SO I USED TO THINK, ON SNOWY DAYS LIKE TODAY...
...THAT LONELY STARS WOULD SILENTLY FALL AND LAND HERE.

YES.
I'M RIGHT HERE.
I'LL BE WITH YOU...
...FOR-EVER.
I SHALL NEVER...
...LET YOU GO AGAIN.

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WHAT KIND OF LIFE DID WOLFGANG HAVE AFTER GUILT-NA-ZAN LEFT?

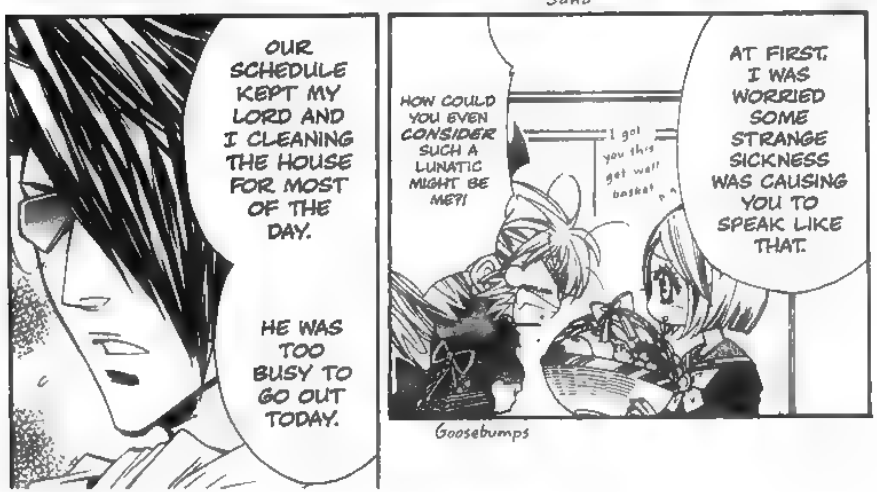
BONUS COMIC STRIP

VAMPIRE DOLL
REFLECTIONS

BAT "INNOCENT HEART " VINCENT

#27 "Fake to Fake"
PART 1

BYE-BYE! ♡
I RAN INTO THIS GIRL AFTER SCHOOL.
THIS IS THE VIDEO I MADE OF HER WITH MY CELL PHONE.
I KNEW IT WASN'T YOU, GUILT-NA-SAN.
WH-
WHAT THE HECK...
...WAS THAT?!
JUMP
MY LORD! PLEASE BE STRONG!
Sand


OUR SCHEDULE KEPT MY LORD AND I CLEANING THE HOUSE FOR MOST OF THE DAY.
HE WAS TOO BUSY TO GO OUT TODAY.
HOW COULD YOU EVEN CONSIDER SUCH A LUNATIC MIGHT BE ME?!
I got you this get well basket
AT FIRST, I WAS WORRIED SOME STRANGE SICKNESS WAS CAUSING YOU TO SPEAK LIKE THAT.
Goosebumps

HAWAII
HUH?
IS THIS SERIES STILL RUNNING?
HAUI TANGI TAGINIKA KIAUE...
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
SPEAK IN JAPANESE!
WHAT, EXACTLY, WOULD YOU BE HOPING TO FIND?
I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO A RELAXING TRIP TO SEARCH FOR MYSELF.
I ALMOST THOUGHT THAT MYSELF, HOWEVER...!
THE LAST SCENE OF VOLUME THREE WAS SO SAD... I THOUGHT THE SERIES HAD ENDED.
DON'T SAY SUCH A HORRIBLE THING WHILE YOU'RE WEARING A FRUITY OUTFIT LIKE THAT!

OKAY, SO... WHO WAS THAT GIRL?
YES, MISS SHIZUKA. THANK YOU FOR WORRYING ABOUT ME.
VINCENT-SAN, ARE YOU FEELING BETTER?
Wow!
This is from me
I KNOW EXACTLY WHO WOULD CREATE SUCH A VILE CREATURE...
DON'T IMITATE HER!
Tee hee!
WASN'T SHE LIKE THIS?
KYOJI!
IT MUST BE YOU!
...WHO WOULD INSTIGATE SUCH FIENDISH HARASSMENT...

TEE-HEE! ♡
HER OVERDONE PERFOR-MANCE!!
THE SUBTLY DIFFERENT COLOR AND DESIGN OF HER COSTUME!!
THE SLIGHTLY UPWARD ANGLE OF HER EYES!!
HERO IMPOSTER?!
THESE ARE THE THREE INDICATORS OF A HERO IMPOSTER!
WEAKER YET UNBEAT-ABLE?!
THAT MEANS, IF SHE'S SLIGHTLY WEAKER THAN THE REAL GUILT-NA, SHE'LL BE UNBEATABLE!

IT IS?
ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU DIDN'T MAKE HER?!
THIS DOLL LOOKS JUST LIKE YOU.
BUT IT'S DIFFERENT...
I SEE...
Tee hee! ♡
THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?!
IT'S LIKE THIS!
THAT'S NOT THE PROPER POSE FOR "TEE-HEE!" ♡
...SHE IS PERFECT IN SOME WAYS.
WHILE SHE DOES NOT EMBODY THE PERFECTION OF CHARACTER THAT I SEEK...
EVEN SO...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
PLEASE CALM YOURSELF, MY LORD!
THEN, YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST SAID SO!!
I DIDN'T CREATE HER

SHE HAS MADE A VOLUNTARILY APPEARANCE FOR US.
IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST...
YOU!
HERE I COME, GUILT-NA-KYUN! ☆
THAT'S WHAT YOU NOTICE FIRST?!
NOW SHE'S USING STARS!!

THEY ARE USUALLY WORKING FOR AN EVIL GROUP AIMING TO USE THE SAME LEVEL OF POWER AS THE HERO...
...AND CAUSE HIM CONFUSION AND PUT HIM IN A PINCH.
WHEN IT COMES TO HERO IMPOSTERS...
I MAY HAVE TO HUNT DOWN THE IMPOSTER GUILT-NA...
EVIL GROUP... COULD IT BE KYOICHI?
THAT IS NOT NECESSARY.
BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW WHO I REALLY AM.
WHAT?! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?!
?!

LISTEN UP!
I AM THE REAL GUILT-NA!
WHY ARE YOU FOCUSING ON SOME-THING SO TRIVIAL?!
"DON'CHA SEE?" THAT'S NEW.
GUILT-NA-SAN! PLEASE CALM DOWN!
WHO AM I?!
THE REAL GUILT-NA--
WELL... IT IS NOT MY REAL NAME, BUT...
MY FACE... MY BODY...
...THEY'RE REALLY JUST IMITATIONS OF TONAE'S...
THERE-FORE... ANY-WAY...
YOU TWO LOOK IDENTICAL!
MISS TONAE, YOU LOOK LIKE THEM, TOO.
HEH...
NOW I GET'CHA...

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
WHAT ARE YOUR INTENTIONS IN IMITATING MY APPEAR-ANCE?!
YOUR FIRST ACTION IS TO LECTURE HER?
YOU MAKE ME FEEL ASHAMED!!
AND WHAT THE HELL IS WITH THAT OVERLY GIRLY POSE AND DICTION?!
USE SOME PROPER WORDS!
FROM WHERE I STAND...
...YOU ARE THE IMPOSTER GUILT-NA! DON'CHA SEE? ♡
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? TEE-HEE!

SHE ESCAPED SO FAST!
SHIZUKA, COULD YOU HELP ME?
WELL...
THERE IS SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO CHECK.
O-OF COURSE!
klik
YES, SIR!
WE HAVE NO CHOICE...
VINCENT! LET'S LOOK FOR HER FROM THE SKY!
KYOJI...?
Guilt-Na?
Can you hear me, Guilt-Na?
THEN LET'S SEE WHICH OF US IS TRULY WORTHY...
WE'LL HAVE OTHERS CHOOSE WHICH ONE OF US IS THE REAL GUILT-NA! TA-TA! ☆
GUILT-NA-SAN, WAIT!
YES, SIR!
VINCENT! WE MUST FOLLOW HER!
I CAN'T ALLOW HER TO FURTHER EMBARRASS MY IDENTITY!!
WAIT!!
I SEE YOU'RE ENJOYING THIS SITUATION.
HELLO?
I GUESS I CAN RENT A STAGE FOR THEM...
WELL... WHAT CAN WE DO?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, YOTOBARI-SAN?

?!
I AIN'T NO "SIR"!
ARE YA ASKIN' FOR A FIGHT?!
OH!
WHO ARE YOU, SIR?!
VINCENT?!
RUSH!!
WHAT?! I CAN CAPTURE HER WITHOUT DOING THAT!
Listen carefully, Guilt-Na. I want you to lead your enemy to this location.
I installed a radio transmitter in your clothes.
WHERE ARE YOU?! HOW CAN I HEAR YOU?!
GO! VINCENT!

#28 "Fake to Fake" PART 2

WHAT?!
TODAY'S LEAD
...WHICH ONE OF US IS WORTHY ENOUGH TO BE THE MAIN CHARACTER! TEE-HEE!
♡
♡
ANSWER ME!! WHAT IS YOUR INTENT?!
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO ACHIEVE BY IMITATING OUR APPEARANCES?!
WEREN'T CHA LISTENING?
YOU'RE THE IMITATIONS-- WE ARE DEFINITELY THE REAL ONES. TEE-HEE!
♡
ACTUALLY, THAT'S NOT REALLY THE ISSUE...
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH ONE OF US IS REAL OR FAKE.
"GEE-HAA" ...?
THAT'S RIGHT! GEE-HAA!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?! ARE YOU TRYING TO STEAL THE ACCOMPLISH-MENTS OF 28 STORIES IN THE COURSE OF A SINGLE CHAPTER?!
IT'S TIME TO MOVE THIS TO A MORE FITTING VENUE.
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT. STOP RIGHT THERE.
ホン
DUNE?!
HMV...
THE REAL ISSUE IS...
TEE-HEE! DON'CHA GET IT?
WHAT?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

HERO'S MATCH
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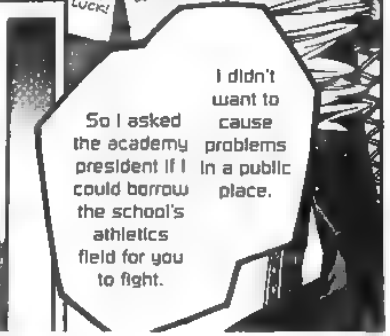
ポン
ポン
.....

A-B-C-G-E-S-G!
♫
We must create a C-grade battle between the R-grade doll and the B-grade imposter.
THAT'S "D-E-F," NOT "G-E-S"!

WHAT'S GOING ON?! WHY IS THERE SO MUCH FANFARE?
It's almost like a sports festival or something!!
W-WHAT IS THIS?!
Good luck!
GOOD LUCK!
WE'RE HERE FOR BOTH OF YOU!
So I asked the academy president if I could borrow the school's athletics field for you to fight.
I didn't want to cause problems in a public place.


NOW, NOW...
I WANT YOU TO TRY TO BUY SOME TIME.

WHERE IS THAT?!
That's right!
I wanted you to lead the enemy to a certain place...

WHY ARE YOU HERE?
SHIZUKA ASKED ME TO COME PICK YOU GUYS UP.

The school!

WHICH ONE IS REAL?

HERO'S MATCH!
SPONSORED BY KITSUHACHI ACADEMY

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WELCOME TO THE COMPETITION!
OUR JUDGES ARE STUDENTS WHO WERE AT SCHOOL FOR CLUB ACTIVITIES AND TEACHERS WHO WERE STAYING LATE TO CATCH UP ON PAPERWORK!
They want to earn
THE CONTESTANTS ARE FIGHTING TO BE THE SERVANT OF THE MAIN CHARACTER! LET THE BATTLE OF THE BAT MEN BEGIN!!

I'VE UPLOADED THE VIDEO FILE FROM MY CELL PHONE INTO THE COMPUTER.
THANK YOU, SHIZUKA!
Klik
What...? What do you mean by that?
WHILE YOU KEEP THEM OCCUPIED, I WILL UNCOVER THE TRUTH.
OKAY.
LET'S SEE... RIGHT... THERE!
CAN YOU FREEZE THE FRAME AT TWO MINUTES AND 49 SECONDS, AND ZOOM IN?
HEY! IT'S TIME TO START!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "I WAS RIGHT"?!
WHAT IS IT?!
...I WAS RIGHT!
!

WELL...
MAYBE HE CAN FLY THAT FAST BECAUSE HIS BRAIN IS SO EMPTY.
Flying Away
THAT'S AMAZING.
YOU'VE GOT NO TIME TO BE IMPRESSED BY HIM!!
DO YOU WANT TO LOSE?!
IN THAT CASE...
ULTRA-SONIC WAVE!!
HUH? UGH...
THE ULTRASOUND WAVES ARE MAKING ME DIZZY...!

WHY ARE YOU CALLING YOUR STUDENTS "MISS"?
THANK YOU SO MUCH, MISS SHIMAMURA, MISS KAZETA, MISS KOMYOJI.
GOOD LUCK, PROFESSOR VINCENT!
FIRST MATCH!
EACH CONTESTANT MUST DISPLAY HIS BAT SKILLS!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT! QUIET DOWN!
FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!
YAA-HOO!!
THIS IS EASY!!

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I'M FALL-ING...
THE CONFUSED BAT MAN WINS!
わーお?
WAIT...THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT!
LET'S SEE... WHAT'S THE NEXT BATTLE...?
WANT ME TO READ IT FOR YOU? TEE-HEE!
どーん
THE NAME IS...
...THE CUTE AND SEXY COSTUME FOR THE MAIN CHARACTER!
ばーん
...THE BATTLE OF...
TAA...
...DAA!
I ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE!
I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU ADMIT YOUR COSTUME IS EMBARRASS-ING.
I'M SURE THAT THE OTHER GUILT-NA IS TOO EMBARRASSED TO DRESS LIKE THIS! GEE-HEE!
HOW ABOUT THIS?! TEE-HEE!

IM-
POST-
ER!
CAN
YOU DO
THIS?
MY
LORD!
YOU
LOOK
AMAZING!
WOO!
THAT
IS A
REALLY
COOL
TRANSFOR-
MATION!

UM...YOU'RE
DRESSED
THE SAME
AS USUAL.
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HA!
SO YOU'RE
ADMITTING
DEFEAT,
HUH?
WHAT?!
OH...
...
M'GOD!

I NOTICED KYOICHI IN THE VIDEO FILE FROM SHIZUKA'S CELL PHONE.
I PRESSED THIS IDIOT, AND HE ADMITTED THAT HE'D HAD A HAND IN THIS.
DON'T CALL ME AN IDIOT!
I JUST WANTED TO EXPERIMENT IN APPLYING KYOJI'S SPELL. I HAD NO SOULS TO WORK WITH...
...SO THERE WAS NO OPTION BUT TO SUBSTANTIATE MY DOLLS WITH THE THOUGHTS OF THE GIRL AND THE BAT THAT WERE LEFT FROM THEIR EARLIER VISIT TO MY MANSION.
IT WAS A VERY COMPLEX PROCEDURE, BUT I WAS DETERMINED TO CHALLENGE MYSELF!
LIAR! YOU JUST WANTED SOMEONE TO TALK TO!
ALTHOUGH YOU SUCCEEDED IN CREATING THOSE DOLLS... AS INFERIOR PRODUCTS, THEY GREW OUT OF CONTROL AND ESCAPED FROM YOUR HOUSE.
SHUT UP! BUT YOU ARE RIGHT!
SO... THAT'S THE STORY. TEE-HEE!
ALTHOUGH IT WAS AN INTERESTING JOURNEY...
...IT'S TIME WE FOLLOW THE IMPOSTER CLICHÉ AND DISAPPEAR NOW THAT WE'VE LOST TO THE REAL CHARACTERS. DON'CHA THINK? ♡
HEH...
I ADMIT THAT I CAN'T...
WOOHOO!
THE CHAMPION DEFENDS HER TITLE SUCCESSFULLY!
YOU WERE GREAT.
KYOJI?!
...AND KYOICHI?!
CONGRAT-ULATIONS, MY DOLL!
YOU LOOK EXCEPTION-ALLY CUTE AND SEXY!

Fake to Fake

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WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE IMPOSTER CHARACTER TRANSFORMED?
I AM KNOWN AS...THE LORD OF VAMPIRES...
GUINO LENAZAN!
HIS NAME MAY BE STUPID, BUT HIS LOOKS CERTAINLY ARE ABOVE B-GRADE.
NOW YOU LOOK LIKE A FAKE!!
MY COSTUME IS MADE OF PURE SATIN!

BONUS COMIC STRIP

VAMPIRE DOLL
REFLECTIONS

SEE YA LATER! GEE-HAA!
WE MAY APPEAR SUDDENLY AGAIN TO TAKE AWAY YOUR MAIN CHARACTER STATUS! TEE-HEE!
BUT YOU'D BETTER REMEMBER US!
SHUT UP, KYOJI!
NO WONDER THEY WERE INFERIOR PRODUCTS.
THIS IS THEIR ORIGINAL FORM?
I guess but it was such a stupid event
Good job!
"BUT I DON'T WANT THEM TO COME BACK."
SUCH IS GUILT-NA'S WISH... FOR MANY REASONS.
"ALTHOUGH THEY WERE MY ENEMIES, THEY LEFT ADMIRABLY."

GUILTNA "FAKE" DOLL

HUH?
OH! YOU'RE RIGHT!
MY LORD, YOU ALSO LOOK NORMAL.
VINCENT?! WHY HAVE YOU TRANSFORMED INTO A BAT?
EVER SINCE I WOKE UP THIS MORNING, I'VE BEEN UNABLE TO RETURN TO HUMAN FORM.
I HAVE NO IDEA...
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?!
...I WAS GUILT-NA, AND YOU WERE IN HUMAN FORM.
IF MY MEMORY IS CORRECT, LAST NIGHT...
MY LORD, YOU CAN'T CALM DOWN BY COUNTING NUMBERS LIKE THAT!
TEN!
ONE...
CALM DOWN... I MUST CALM DOWN AND THINK. I KNOW! I'LL COUNT TO TEN!

#29 Cold for two

...IT'S LIKELY HIS NAME STARTS WITH A "KYO" AND ENDS WITH A "JI."
THIS IS PROBABLY THE RESULT OF SOME CRUEL EXPERIMENT ON OUR BODIES. I CAN'T BE CERTAIN WHO'S DOING IT, BUT...
IN THIS MANGA, THERE ARE NO FREE RIDES TO SUCH HAPPINESS.
MY LORD, YOU'RE BECOMING RATHER PARANOID...
OF COURSE NOT!!
WE ARE ALONE HERE, MY LORD.
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
THAT MEANS, IN THIS MANSION... RIGHT NOW...
IF YOU'LL RECALL...
THE CHANGE OF SEASONS HAS CAUSED MASTER KYOJI TO CATCH A COLD. SO HE WENT TO SEE A DOCTOR WITH MISS TONAE.
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BUT YOU HAVEN'T USED THE PERFUME IN SUCH A LONG TIME.
AND IT'S NOT A FULL MOON...
IT'S LIKE THAT TIME I SPENT THE NIGHT IN MY REAL BODY...
...AS A RESULT OF THE COMBINED EFFECT OF THE TRANSFORMATION PERFUME AND THE LUNAR CYCLE.
THERE-FORE...
... MAYBE ...?!
EXACTLY.
LIKE YOU, THIS IS MY TRUE FORM.
ALSO, NEITHER SHOULD HAVE TRANSFORMED YOU INTO A BAT.
WHAT?! ARE YOU SERIOUS, MY LORD?!
COULD THIS BE A DIVINE GIFT?!
A REWARD FOR LIVING AS PURE AND PASSIONATE FOLLOWERS OF GOD?!

VINCENT, LET'S GO OUTSIDE!
MY LORD...
WHERE ARE YOU PLANNING TO GO WHILE MASTER KYOJI AND MISS TONAE ARE AWAY FROM HOME?
ACCORDING TO OUR ANCESTORS, WHEN WE ARE GIVEN A HEAVEN-SENT OPPORTUNITY...
...WE MUSTN'T LET IT SLIP AWAY UNUSED...
...OR WE WILL BE PUNISHED.
!!!!!
WELL... THAT'S WHAT I'LL THINK WHEN I KNOW I AM MYSELF FOR GOOD.
BESIDES, IF WE DON'T GO...
...WHO ELSE WILL SHOP FOR THE GROCERIES?
MY LORD ...!
LET'S COOK SOMETHING NUTRITIOUS WHILE WAITING FOR MASTER KYOJI AND MISS TONAE TO RETURN HOME!
I'LL HELP YOU!
NEED I REMIND YOU THAT YOU'RE A BAT RIGHT NOW?
WELL... ...I GUESS THIS WILL DO.
I THINK MY REGULAR OUTFIT WOULD BE TOO OUT OF PLACE.
YOU LOOK VERY NICE, MY LORD!
YOU'RE NEXT!
ME?!

OH!
THERE! THAT'S EVERYTHING WE NEED!
THOSE GIRLS...
THEY'RE IN THE SAME CLASS AS MISS TONAE.
HUH?
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? WE WERE JUST ASKING IF YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE SOME TEA WITH US.
PLEASE... LEAVE US ALONE!

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THE GROCERY STORE IN FRONT OF THE STATION.
HMM... WHAT'S FIRST?
CATS CAN'T FLY!
THAT WORKS. YOU ACTUALLY LOOK LIKE A CAT NOW!
Good thing your wings are small!
ARE YOU SURE? I FEEL LIKE EVERYONE IS WATCHING US.

EXCUSE US.
HE'S WITH ME.
I WAS JUST TRYING TO SAY "HI," TOO.
THEY MISUNDER-STOOD ME.
BUT NO HUMAN CAN HEAR YOU, RIGHT NOW...
OH! I GET IT NOW! THESE GIRLS ARE YOURS!!
WE ARE SO SORRY! WE'LL LEAVE THEM ALONE!

WAH!!
VINCENT!
COME TO ME!
GEEZ! IS THAT A BAT?!
NO WAY! WHY'S THIS HUGE BAT IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY?!

PLEASE WAIT FOR US RIGHT THERE!
WE'RE GOING TO GET SOME DRINKS FOR YOU!

YES.
IT FEELS VERY NICE.
DON'T YOU THINK, MY LORD?
NO MATTER HOW THE WORLD CHANGES...
...OR HOW MUCH TIME PASSES, THE ENJOYMENT OF BEING ABLE TO RELAX REMAINS THE SAME.
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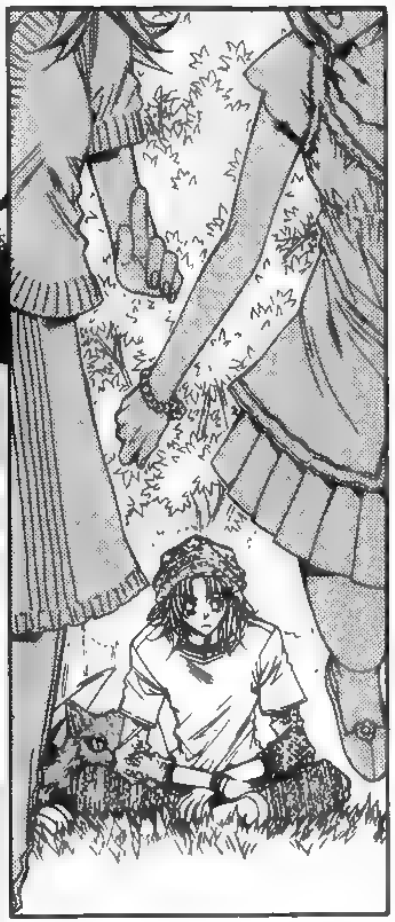

Tired of explaining
YOU'RE NOT A DOG, ARE YOU?
UM... OK, UH... WHATEVER YOU WANT HIM TO BE.

OH? WE DID?
UM... THANK YOU SO MUCH!
YOU REALLY SAVED US FROM THOSE JERKS!

THANK YOU, TOO!
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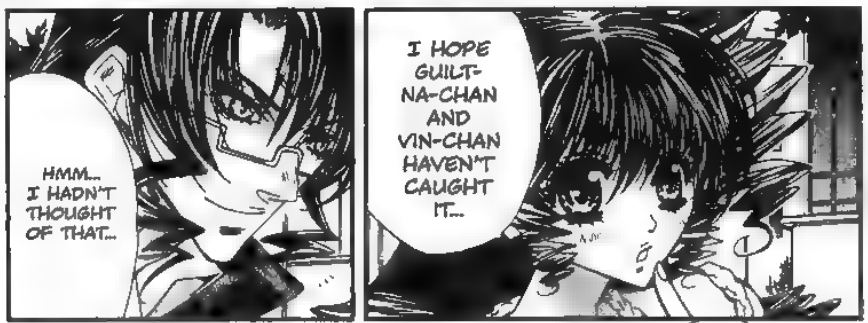
I'M FINE! ♡
I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU JUST HAVE A REGULAR LITTLE COLD.
I'M SORRY TO HAVE WORRIED YOU.
ARE YOU SURE YOU DIDN'T CATCH IT FROM ME?


HMM... I HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT...
I HOPE GUILT-NA-CHAN AND VIN-CHAN HAVEN'T CAUGHT IT...

"SUCH CREA-TURES"?
EVEN IF THEY CAUGHT A HUMAN COLD, SUCH CREATURES ARE...
I'M SURE THEY'RE FINE.

YOU'RE RIGHT.
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN...

THE KINDNESS OF PEOPLE DOESN'T CHANGE, EITHER.

DID YOU FALL ASLEEP? THE SUN MUST HAVE TIRED YOU OUT. I FEEL THE SAME WAY.

...BUT I THINK THAT'S ALL RIGHT...
WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHY WE WOKE UP IN OUR REAL BODIES...

Cold for tow

BONUS COMIC STRIP

VAMPIRE DOLL
REFLECTIONS

THEY MAY HAVE CHANGED INTO THEIR NATURAL FORMS TO FIGHT IT OFF...
...BUT THEY'LL RETURN TO THEIR CURRENT BODIES ONCE THEY'RE DONE.
WHAT?! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
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PROFESSOR VINCENT?! HE'S MOLESTING A GIRL!
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YOU'LL SEE LATER.
JUST CLEAN IT SPICK-AND-SPAN.
WHAT A LUXURIOUS GUEST ROOM...
DO WE HAVE ANY SPECIAL GUESTS TODAY?
DON'T MISS EVEN A SINGLE KITTEN!
AND WHERE MIGHT THEY BE?
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GUILTNA "CASUAL STYLE" ZAN

#30
How Great Thou Art

OH! I LET HIM IN! ♡
DANTE?!
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HIDING UNDER THERE?!
SORRY...
I NEED YOUR HELP...
YES...?
GUILT-NA-ZAN?
"MY MASTER IS GOING TO GIVE ME A CHECK-UP."
THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO TELL HER, ISN'T IT?
HE'LL WHAT...?
WITH ME LIKE THIS...
...HUGO WILL...

!!
THERE'S NO POINT IN RUNNING FROM IT.
BE A GOOD BOY.
KYO-CHAN!
ON TOP OF THAT, YOU HAVE MORE EQUIPMENT AND RESOURCES HERE THAN I CAN POSSIBLY FIT IN MY STUDIO.
YOU KNOW YOUR HOUSE IS PERFECTLY CLEAN.
HUGO... I DO NOT NEED ANY MAINTENANCE YET.
OH, REALLY? HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?
LONG TIME NO SEE, GUILT-NA-CHAN! ♡
SO WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I LET HIM IN, TOO! ♡
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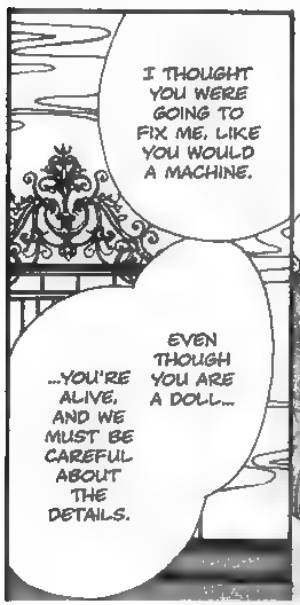
HOW CAN YOU SAY SOMETHING SO CHEESY WITH SUCH A STRAIGHT FACE?!
HUGO AND I ARE INSEPARABLE.
WHY DIDN'T YOU HIDE SOME PLACE ELSE?
SO YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO COME HERE... FROM THE START?
LEAVE IT TO ME! ♡
ENJOY THE MAINTENANCE SKILLS OF MASTER MARIYA.
THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME FOR YOU TO HAVE A CHECK-UP WHILE YOU'RE CONSCIOUS, RIGHT?
YOU'RE EARLY, MASTER MARIYA!
I'M STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF CLEANING THE HOUSE.
.....
I'VE NOTICED YOU HAVING PROBLEMS WITH YOUR NECK AND THAT JOINT IN YOUR LEFT HAND.
YOU CAN'T FOOL YOUR MASTER.
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?

SURE.
JUST RELAX, OKAY?

HAVE THOSE PARTS BEEN FEELING WEAK OR HEAVY?
YOUR RIGHT KNEE, YOUR LEFT ELBOW, AND YOUR EYES...

I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM SERIOUS BEFORE.


I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO FIX ME, LIKE YOU WOULD A MACHINE.
...YOU'RE ALIVE, AND WE MUST BE CAREFUL ABOUT THE DETAILS.
EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE A DOLL...

...I CAN FEEL WITH MY FINGERS AND EYES.
I CAN JUST FEEL IT.
THROUGH THE SKIN OF YOUR DOLL...

HOW CAN YOU TELL?
YES, THEY HAVE.

IT REMINDS ME THIS BODY I INHABIT IS ACTUALLY THE CREATION OF A HUMAN.
MAINTE-NANCE...
NOT AT ALL. HUGO IS AN ARTIST, LOVED BY GOD.
HIS DOLL MAINTENANCE SKILLS ARE CONSIDERED THE BEST IN THE WORLD.
SO...WHY DIDN'T YOU WANT A CHECK-UP?
DOES IT HURT OR SOMETHING?

GUILT-NA-CHAN! I'M READY NOW! ♡
.....
BE-CAUSE ...

THEN WHY DO YOU HATE IT?
...REALLY GOOD!
HIS MAINTE-NANCE IS...

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YEAH... SURE...
PLEASE BATHE IN THE HERBAL BATH THAT I MADE ESPECIALLY FOR YOU.
POST CHECK-UP
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I MELTED.
HOW WAS THE MASTER'S MAINTEN-ANCE?
DANTE! YOU'RE NEXT!
COME ON IN!
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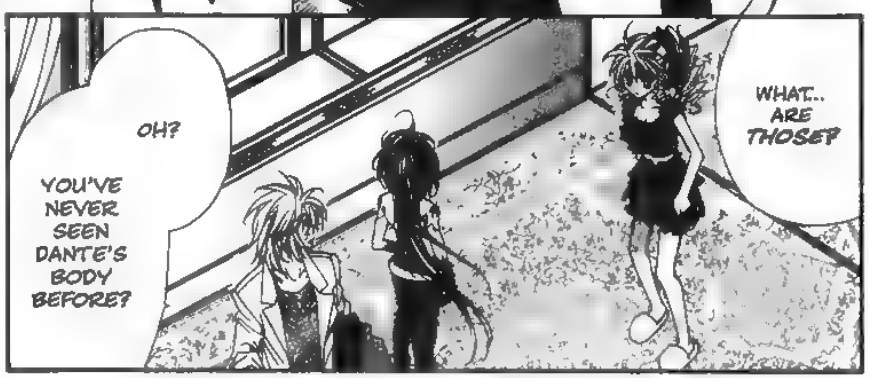
SOMETHING SMELLS GOOD...
IT'S AN HERBAL BLEND THAT MAINTAINS WAX IN BETTER CONDITION.
I MADE IT ESPECIALLY FOR YOU.
I CAN FEEL...
...THE MOISTURE OF MY HAIR AND THE FLOW OF BLOOD THAT DOESN'T EXIST IN MY FINGERTIPS.
THIS COMFORTABLE FEELING...
IT REMINDS ME OF THE PAST. WHEN THE LIGHT OF THE MOON WOULD WRAP ITSELF AROUND ME.
HIS HANDS ARE DEFINITELY...
...DIVINE.

HUGO...
WHEN I CREATED HIS DOLL...
...HE HAD SOME TROUBLE WITH THOSE PARTS OF HIS BODY.
MY SHOULDERS, NECK AND CHEST HURT.
THOSE RINGS...
...ARE ESSENTIAL TO DANTE'S FORM.

DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT!
MAYBE YOU COULD JUST TOUGHEN THEM WITH IRON...
REALLY? THAT'S NOT GOOD.
LET ME SEE...

THEY'RE USED TO MAINTAIN THE GOOD "FLOW" OF THE ENERGIES IN DANTE'S BODY.
SO I CREATED THESE TEN RINGS.
I'LL MAKE SURE YOU'LL FEEL BETTER!


OH?
YOU'VE NEVER SEEN DANTE'S BODY BEFORE?
WHAT.. ARE THOSE?

IT IS TRUE.
THAT IS WHY...
...THIS IS THE MOMENT I FEAR MOST...
THE TRUE FIGURE OF A "STABBER" IS...
...A MONSTER THAT NO ORDINARY PERSON CAN STOP.
This time I will take this and this
IT IS DURING THESE MOMENTS...
...I MIGHT HURT HIM.

.....
IT'S KIND OF LIKE A MAGNETIC NECKLACE.
ALTHOUGH MASTER MARIYA CREATED IT, HE IS UNAWARE OF ITS POWER.
THAT HOOP...
...IS A SEALING DEVICE THAT LIMITS POWER.
YES.
GUILT-NA?
DID YOU NOTICE?
IT'S PROBABLY QUITE DIFFICULT TO KEEP DANTE'S [redacted] PROPERLY BALANCED IN THAT BODY.
ONCE THOSE RINGS LOSE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTROL HIS POWER.
HE'S NOT AN EXORCIST OR A MEDIUM.
HE IS AN ARTIST.

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IT'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT.
THESE RINGS WILL PROTECT YOU, DANTE.
YES...
I TRUST YOU.
THOSE RINGS ARE NOT WHAT PROTECT ME...
IT IS THESE MIRACLE HANDS OF AN ARTIST...
...WHO IS LOVED BY GOD.
THE BATH IS READY! ♡
YOU'RE DESPERATE TO BE PART OF THE STORY, AREN'T YOU?
JUST WATCHING MADE ME BREAK OUT IN A COLD SWEAT.

How Great Thou Art

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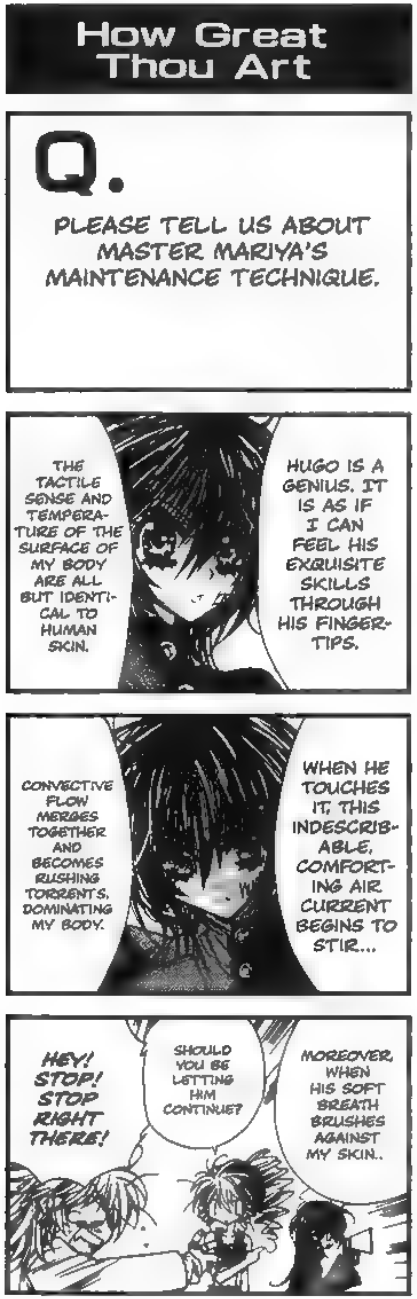
Q.
PLEASE TELL US ABOUT MASTER MARIYA'S MAINTENANCE TECHNIQUE.
THE TACTILE SENSE AND TEMPERATURE OF THE SURFACE OF MY BODY ARE ALL BUT IDENTICAL TO HUMAN SKIN.
HUGO IS A GENIUS. IT IS AS IF I CAN FEEL HIS EXQUISITE SKILLS THROUGH HIS FINGERTIPS.
CONVECTIVE FLOW MERGES TOGETHER AND BECOMES RUSHING TORRENTS. DOMINATING MY BODY.
WHEN HE TOUCHES IT, THIS INDESCRIBABLE, COMFORTING AIR CURRENT BEGINS TO STIR...
HEY! STOP! STOP RIGHT THERE!
SHOULD YOU BE LETTING HIM CONTINUE?
MOREOVER, WHEN HIS SOFT BREATH BRUSHES AGAINST MY SKIN..

I WAS IMPRESSED.
MARIYA IS DEFINITELY A GENIUS.
OF COURSE!
HUGO IS LOVED BY GOD, AND HE IS MY...
DESPERATE
HOW IS EVERYTHING? ♡
IS THIS ANOTHER REASON YOU DON'T LIKE HAVING A CHECK-UP?
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FAINT FROM SOAKING IN HOT WATER TOO LONG.

MARIYA "GOD'S HANDS" HUGO

#31 DETARAME
On The Beach
TODAY... AT LAST...
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...I SHALL UNVEIL MY MAGNIFICENT PLAN, WHICH WILL BE...
PLEASE STAND BY..
HA HA... WHEN IN ROME, DO AS THE ROMANS DO.
This is so much cooler
READY.
Yu-chan! Kei-chan! Don't touch him!
What's going on?
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HEY...
WHO IS IT?
YOU CAN'T THINK OF A BEACH WITHOUT...
YOU CAN'T THINK OF THE OCEAN WITHOUT A SANDY BEACH!
NO MATTER! EVEN IF I'M WEARING A HAWAIIAN SHIRT, I'M STILL A WIZARD AT HEART!
THIS TIME, I WILL CREATE A GOLEM THAT HAS NO SOUL!
MY PLAN TO CREATE DOLLS LIKE KYOJI'S FAILED, FOR I MADE THE MISTAKE OF TRYING TO PUT SOME SOUL INTO THEM.
HAND-MADE.
...A CURSED SAND GOLEM!!
SAND GOLEM--AWAKEN!!
MOMMY... THAT MAN IS TALKING TO HIMSELF.
MAYBE HE HAS NO FRIENDS TO TALK TO.
GRR! SHUT UP! SHUT UP!

IS HE TRYING SOME NEW, STUPID SCHEME IN SPITE OF HAVING HIS BUTT KICKED THE LAST TIME?
HE'S THE SAME GUY WHO CAUSED THAT MESS AT THE SCHOOL BY CREATING THOSE FAKE VERSIONS OF GUILT-NA AND VINCENT.
THIS NEGATIVE ENERGY FEELS FAMILIAR...
GAAH!!
JUST
THANK YOU FOR ASKING!
SO... WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
THIS NEW EFFECT OF HAVING A HUMAN FORM MUST BE THE RESULT OF MY IMMENSE TALENT!
GREAT! IT'S A SUCCESS!
I'LL JUST PLAY ALONG FOR A WHILE... THEN LEAVE WHEN I GET A CHANCE.
GAHH!

WHO HAS DISTURBED MY SLEEP...
WH--?!
YOU ARE ...?!
...BY GIVING OFF ENORMOUS AMOUNTS OF NEGATIVE ENERGY?
We'll protect you from getting sunburned
...THEN THEY BURIED ME IN SAND WHILE I WAS TAKING A NAP..
WHAT THE...? I REMEMBER THE CLASS PRESIDENT AND HER FRIENDS BROUGHT ME TO THIS BEACH...
!
THIS IS STRANGE...
I CAN'T FIND ANY CASES OF A GOLEM WAKING UP WITH A HUMAN FORM...

YOUR AMBITION IS TO PLAY AT THE BEACH...?
IT IS MY INTENTION TO FULFILL A LIFE-LONG AMBITION.
WHY? YOU LOOKING TO FIND SOME ACTION LATER?
DON'T BE SO VULGAR!
WE... JUST HAVE TO SPLIT THE WATER-MELON, RIGHT?
SO! FIRST, LET'S TRY THE WATERMELON SPLITTING GAME!
TEACH ME HOW TO DO IT!
NEITHER OF THEM KNOWS HOW TO PLAY.
YOU PROBABLY USE IT AS A BLINDFOLD AND...
OKAY...
HOW ARE THESE ITEMS A PART OF THE GAME?
ES-PECIALLY THE TOWEL...

I WANT YOU TO USE THESE THINGS AND...
AS MY SERVANT, SAND GOLEM...
I'M GIVING YOU A MISSION!
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PLAY... ...WITH ME!!
...I'M GOING TO PRACTICE WITH YOU TO PREPARE FOR THE REAL THING!
SINCE I HAVE NEVER PLAYED GAMES AT THE BEACH...
THIS IS JUST A PRACTICE RUN!
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FRIENDS TO DO THAT WITH?
NO, NO, NO! THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE!

GO! GO! GO!
Beach patrol.
LOOK OUT! IT'S GOING TO FALL!
Eek!
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YOU'RE GOING TO FALL...
HUH?
YOU NEVER FEEL DOWN, DO YOU?
IT'S REALLY HOT OUT HERE. WE SHOULD TAKE A [redacted] OR...
You don't even have a record player?
OKAY! NEXT, WE'LL TRY BEACH VOLLEYBALL! SHALL WE GO WITH... TCHAIKOVSKI OR NIJINSKY?"
You're talking about "ballet"?

"IN JAPANESE, "VOLLEY" AND "BALLET" HAVE ALMOST THE SAME SPELLING.

BO-TAOSHI: A STICK IS PLACED IN A HILL OF SAND AND PLAYERS TAKE TURNS REMOVING SAND WHILE HOPING THE STICK DOESN'T FALL OVER.

WHEN I DO, I'LL TEACH YOU ALL KINDS OF BEACH GAMES, OKAY?
KYOICHI...
SOMEDAY... WHEN WE GROW UP...
...I'LL BRING YOU BACK HERE.
I PROMISE YOU...
...KYOJI.
OH, MY GOD!
NOW I GET IT.
SO THAT'S WHAT THIS WAS ALL ABOUT.
UH-HUH...
...I PROMISE.

THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'RE HAVING FUN...
.....
...I KNOW.
DO YOU ENVY THEM, KYOJI?
THERE'S NO POINT IN ENVY BECAUSE THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO. WE WERE BORN INTO THE YOTOBARI FAMILY. SO WE HAVE MUCH MORE TO STUDY AND LEARN THAN THEY EVER WILL.

IT'S A MONSTER!!
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SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.
THE MAGIC OF KYOICHI'S SPELL WENT INTO THE HERMIT CRAB.
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OH, NO! I'VE SEEN THAT CREATURE BEFORE... WHEN I WAS CREATING YOU!
YEAH, THAT CRAB...
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SUBDUE HIM EASILY WITH MY STORE OF NEGATIVE ENERGY.
LET ME TAKE CARE OF THIS!
NO! WAIT!!
.....
IF A SAND GOLEM GOES INTO WATER...
...IT WILL MELT!
IT'S BEEN A LOT OF FUN.
YOU SHOULD DO THIS AGAIN. THOUGH NEXT TIME...
...TRY IT WITH YOUR BROTHER.
SAND GOLEM!!

WHAT?
YOU GUYS ARE CALLING ME BECAUSE YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT ME?
DON'T WORRY. I'M PERFECTLY FINE.
JUST HAVE FUN, OKAY?
I HAVE A BORING PRIOR ENGAGEMENT.
ONE I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF BEFORE I LEAVE.

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MAN... THAT GUY...
...IS BRINGING ME BAD KARMA.
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...MASTER.
GOOD LUCK SPENDING TIME WITH KYOJI...

YOU CALL A STUPID JOKE LIKE THAT "KNOWLEDGE"?!
...don't you think its other name--the "suckerfish"--is more appropriate?
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The remora is a fish that attaches itself to ships and larger fish, feeding off the debris they generate. Given how it lives...
Seeing as this is your first time to visit a beach, allow me to share some valuable knowledge about the sea
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, HE'S NEVER COME TO THE BEACH WITH ME BEFORE.
KYOJI LOVES GAMES... IT'S A BIT ODD THAT HE DOESN'T WANT TO COME.
YOTOBARI-SAN ISN'T COMING, IS HE?
YOUR LIFE IS VERY COMPLICATED, ISN'T IT?
WE'VE DONE OUR BEST TO PERSUADE HIM TO COME, SO HE HAS NO RIGHT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT IT LATER.

#32 "die kleine Meerjungfrau"

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME IN THE OCEAN?
OH! THE SAND FEELS VERY SOFT!
I NEVER KNEW THEY WERE SO CLEAR LIKE THIS.
...THE SKY...
DURING THE DAY, THE WATER...
ITS SHADOWY SURFACE IS LIKE A NEVER-ENDING DARKNESS.
MANY TIMES I HAVE SEEN THE SEA AT NIGHT.
YOU LOOK LIKE A CORSICAN MAFIOSO!!
MASTER KYOJI TOLD ME TO WEAR THIS SUIT TO THE BEACH.
WHO ARE YOU?
I'M SURE THERE'S A GOOD REASON FOR HIS ABSENCE.
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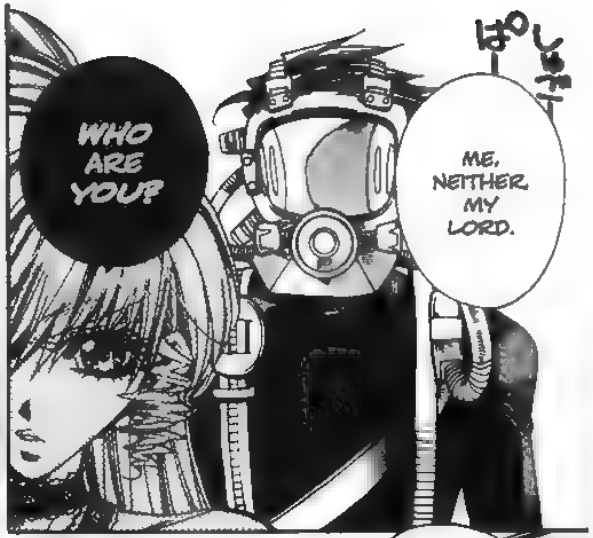
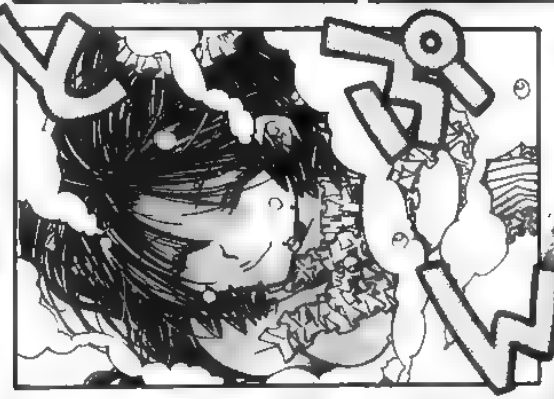
?
WELL, I GUESS IT HELPS KEEP THOSE GERMS AWAY FROM US.
IS SHE A PART OF THE MAFIA, TOO?!
BUT I BURIED HIM IN THE SAND! ♡
OH, YES, HE DID.
I THOUGHT HE CAME WITH US.
BY THE WAY, WHERE'S DUNE?

MASTER KYOJI TOLD ME TO WEAR THIS SUIT TO GO UNDERWATER.
ARE YOU PLANNING TO GO TWENTY-THOUSAND LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA?!


WHO ARE YOU?
ME, NEITHER. MY LORD.



I CAN GO PRETTY DEEP!
REALLY?

SOMEONE IS IN TROUBLE!
HUH? WHERE?
VIN-CHAN! PLEASE COME WITH ME!
OH! MISS TONAE!
MY LORD JUST LEFT...

I CAN'T FIND DUNE-KUN WHERE I BURIED HIM!
WOULD YOU HELP ME LOOK FOR HIM?
HE MUST BE DOING HIS OWN THING, AS USUAL.
GUILT-NA-SAN!!
VINCENT, I'M GOING TO HELP SHIZUKA. WILL YOU WATCH TONAE FOR ME?
YES, MY LORD. PLEASE TAKE CARE.

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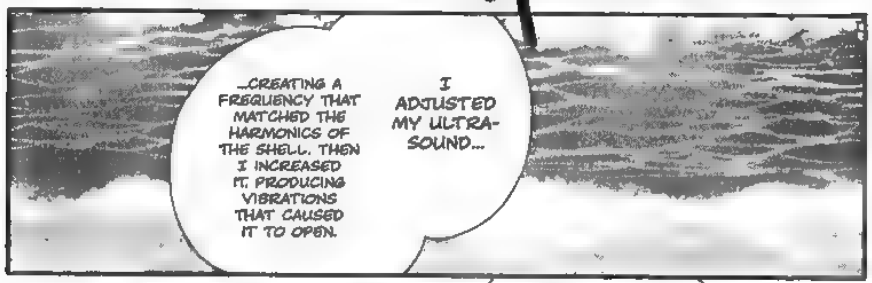
I ADJUSTED MY ULTRA-SOUND...
...CREATING A FREQUENCY THAT MATCHED THE HARMONICS OF THE SHELL. THEN I INCREASED IT, PRODUCING VIBRATIONS THAT CAUSED IT TO OPEN.

YOU'RE ALL RIGHT.
I DON'T SENSE ANY PROBLEMS IN YOUR BONES OR JOINTS.
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
THAT'S GREAT!

ALL RIGHT!
VIN-CHAN! SHE WANTS TO SEE THE BLUE SKY!
?
PLEASE HOLD ON TIGHT!
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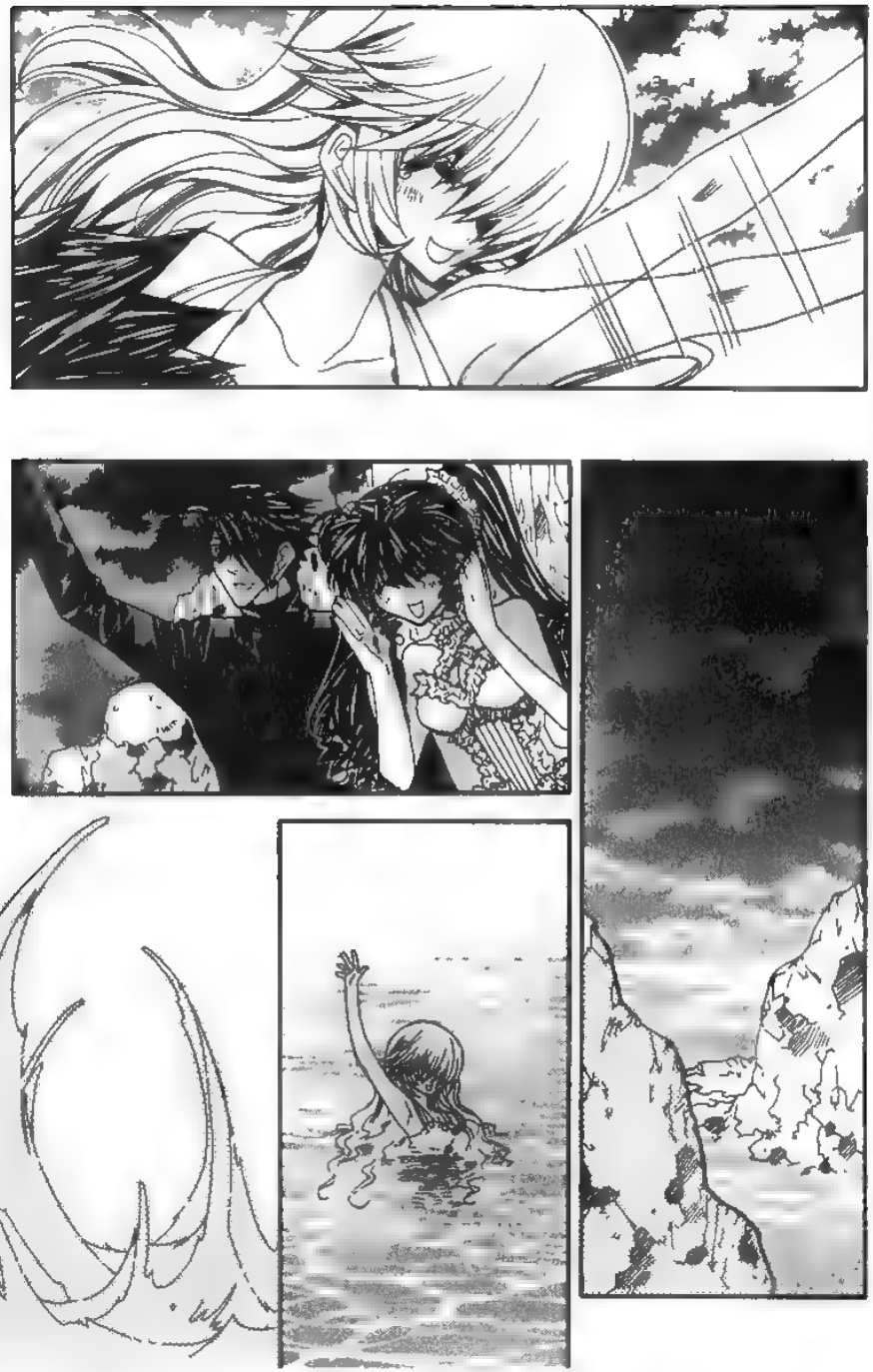
IT WAS MY PLEASURE.
IT WAS NOTHING.
PLEASE...
NOT AT ALL!
YOU WERE AMAZING, VIN-CHAN!
LET ME SEE...
SHE'S VERY QUIET.
IT SEEMS THAT SHE WANTS TO SAY SOMETHING.
MISS TONAE! CAN YOU READ HER MIND?!
SHE'D LIKE TO SAY "THANK YOU."
SHE WANTED TO SEE AS MUCH OF THIS WONDERFUL BLUE SKY AS SHE COULD. SO SHE CAME OUT TO ENJOY IT BUT GOT CAUGHT BY THAT SHELL.



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VAMPIRE DOLL
REFLECTIONS

Q.
PLEASE TELL US WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MERMAID.
...A RICH AMERICAN MAN WHO WAS DIVING IN JAPAN.
AFTER THAT, SHE MET...
SO EVEN THOUGH SHE COULDN'T SPEAK, HE FELL IN LOVE WITH HER.
HE DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THE LITTLE THINGS.
MODERN MERMAIDS HAVE IT A LOT EASIER...
NOW SHE LIVES IN THE SEA OFF FLORIDA.

MISS TONAE, THE OCEAN IS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PLACE!
YES, IT IS, VIN-CHAN!
THEY'RE SOUVENIRS!
IT WAS A TOKEN OF GRATITUDE.
WHERE'D YOU GET A TREASURE CHEST?!
I DON'T GET IT. BUT NICE JOB OF ENDING THE CHAPTER WITH ANOTHER BAD FISH JOKE...
MAYBE SHE'S WHAT THEY CALL A "GOLD FISH"?
HEY, YOU TWO! WE'RE GOING HOME NOW!

KYOICHI "HAWAIIAN SHIRT" YOTOBARI

#33 "Is It True You're Getting Married?"

I SAID, "A WEDDING CAKE."
WHAT?
I SAID, "A WEDDING CAKE."
WHAT?
WHAT?!
MY LORD! ARE YOU GETTING MARRIED TO SOMEONE?!
DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS AND CALM YOURSELF, BAT!
WHY WOULD I BECOME A BRIDE?!
ARE YOU GOING TO BECOME A BRIDE AND LEAVE ME BEHIND?!
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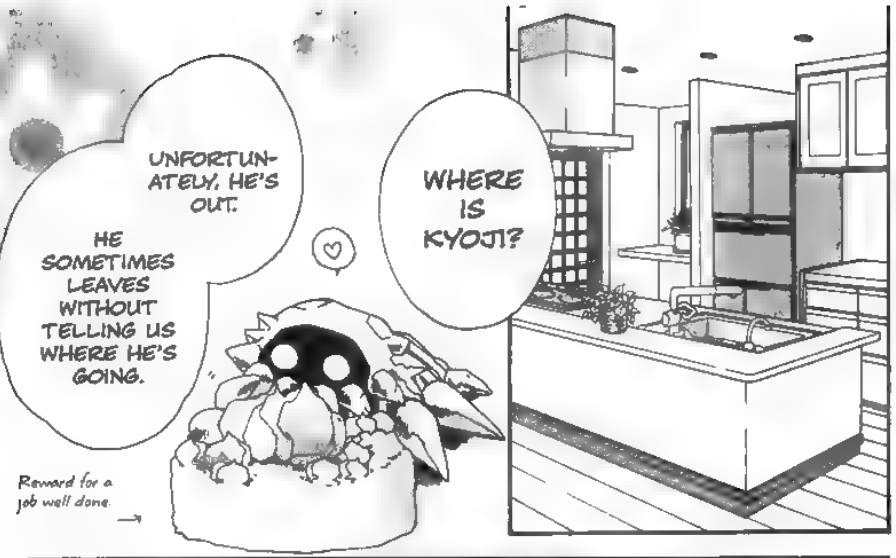
IT SEEMS...
...RATHER NOISY BACK THERE...

OH! THANK YOU, VINCENT!
AH!
I GOT EVERYTHING YOU NEED!
THESE ARE THE FRUITS OF MY LABORS...
...THOUGH THEY'RE ALL FAILURES.
MY LORD! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
A WEDDING CAKE.
SO...WHAT KIND OF CAKE ARE YOU TRYING TO CREATE?
Wedding Plan
FAILURES?
YOU DON'T THINK THEY ALL LOOK WONDERFUL?
I CAN'T MAKE A CAKE THAT JUST LOOKS GOOD...


WHERE IS KYOJI?
UNFORTUN-ATELY, HE'S OUT.
HE SOMETIMES LEAVES WITHOUT TELLING US WHERE HE'S GOING.
Reward for a job well done.

MY LORD IS WORKING VERY HARD TO CREATE A WEDDING CAKE.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MY LORD?
REALLY? WELL, IN THAT CASE, WHY DO YOU HAVE SO MANY CAKES?

...BUT ALSO THE WEDDING DRESS.
ACTUALLY, I HAVE TO PROVIDE NOT ONLY THE WEDDING CAKE...

OKAY... BEFORE SOMEONE SEES ME...

HMM... DID WE JUST CATCH A SUSPICIOUS INDIVIDUAL?
Taste testing
NIGHT VEIL!
HOW RUDE! I AM NOT A SUSPICIOUS INDIVIDUAL!
YOU'RE NOT CONVINCING AT ALL...
DAMN IT, YOU SPOTTED ME!

MAGICAL STRUCTURE DIAGRAM
WHEN CREATING A SHAPED FORM LIKE A CAKE, THE EMPHASIS IS GENERALLY ON AREA RATHER THAN HEIGHT.
NORMALLY, A MAGICAL CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURE IS LAID OUT BY FOCUSING ON THE EMPHASIZED ELEMENTS, BUT HEIGHT IS THE FOCAL ELEMENT OF A WEDDING CAKE.
BY CONCENTRATING ON THE ONE DIMENSION THAT NEGATIVELY IMPACTS THE OVERALL STRUCTURE, THE ABILITY TO CREATE A STABLE FORM IS MADE INFINITELY MORE DIFFICULT.
AS A RESULT, ALL OF THE CAKES YOU'VE CREATED HAVE FAILED.
IT SEEMS VERY COMPLI-CATED.
EXACTLY.
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WHY DON'T YOU...
...JUST PILE UP THOSE FAILED CAKES AND MAKE IT HIGHER THAT WAY?

I SEE...
THAT EXPLAINS IT.

SO YOU ARE GETTING MARRIED?!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?!
WHAT?! YOU'RE GETTING MARRIED?! I DIDN'T KNOW. I'M SORRY I DON'T HAVE MUCH CASH AT THE MOMENT, BUT I'LL COME BACK LATER WITH A MORE SUBSTANTIAL CONGRATULATORY GIFT...
KYOICHI! HOW CAN YOU BELIEVE HIS HYSTERICAL NONSENSE?!

HMM?
SOMEHOW, I MUST SOLVE THE STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS I'VE BEEN HAVING.
NOW THAT YOU'RE BOTH CAUGHT UP... I NEED TO RETURN MY ATTENTION TO CREATING THE WEDDING CAKE.

NOW I FULLY UNDER-STAND.
HMPH!
THE THINGS I MUST ENDURE...

THAT'S RIGHT.
ONLY A WIZARD LIKE YOU COULD APPRECIATE MY DILEMMA.
ARE YOU...
...REFERRING TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE MAGICAL ELEMENTS IN THE SPELL?
WHAT KIND OF PROBLEMS ARE YOU HAVING?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. BUT...
SNIPP SNIPP
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
HUH? HOW COME I HAVE MEMORY LIKE THAT?
THE CHILDREN LOOKED SO HAPPY.
SEEING THEIR SMILES FILLED ME WITH JOY.
IT'S SUCH A WARM MEMORY.
GUILT-NA-CHAN! VIN-CHAN! I'M HOME!
Welcome home Miss Tonae
OH! BROTHER KYOICHI!
OKAY! ♡
EXCELLENT TIMING, TONAE! WOULD YOU HELP US?
...ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THE DRESS.
NOW THAT THE PROBLEM OF THE CAKE HAS BEEN SOLVED...
I HAVE AN IDEA!

GOOD JOB, BAT!
THAT'S IT! HOW COULD I BE SO BLIND?!
I WAS TRYING TO SOLVE A PROBLEM BY RELYING SOLELY ON MY MAGIC!!
WHAT?! OH! IT WAS NOTHING!
OH...
?
I JUST...
...REMEMBERED.
ONE CHRISTMAS...
...I REMEMBER HELPING A PRIEST MAKE A CAKE AS A TREAT FOR POOR CHILDREN.
SINCE WE COULDN'T MAKE A BIG CAKE, WE PILED SMALL, SIMPLE CAKES, INSTEAD...

SIGH...
IT'S GETTING PRETTY LATE.
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WHAT'S THIS...? NO LIGHTS?
IS NO ONE HOME?

ONLY MASTER KYOJI COULD SAY SUCH A THING IN HIS SLEEP.
WEDDING CAKE...
...AND I'D LOVE IT IF YOU WERE WEARING A WEDDING DRESS.
HEY, KYOJI?
WHAT KIND OF CAKE DO YOU WANT FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY?
OH! REALLY?
THE WEDDING DRESS YOU'RE WEARING...
IT WAS OUR MOTHER'S.
I SEE.
KYOICHI PUT YOU UP TO DO THIS, DIDN'T HE?
MY LORD! SO YOU REALLY ARE GETTING MARRIED?!
STOP SAYING THAT!!
PLEASE GIVE THIS WEDDING DRESS TO YOUR BRIDE-TO-BE.

BROTHER KYOJI!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?
ARE YOU GETTING MARRIED?
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?! THIS IS FOR YOU!
HUH...?
TH--
THANK YOU...

Is It True You're Getting Married?

BONUS COMIC STRIP

Q.
WHAT DID KYOJI GIVE KYOICHI?
AN ICE CREAM CAKE?
IT'S SWEET, SOFT, COLD, AND BIG!
Imagination running wild.
IT HAS DAPPLED GREEN AND BLACK COLORING AND IS STICKY. SOMETIMES IT WILL WHISTLE IF YOU HANG IT ON A WALL.
I HAVE A FEELING I'LL BE HAVING NIGHTMARES TONIGHT...
REALLY? BUT I TRAINED IT...
MASTER NIGHT VEIL WAS ATTACKED BY YOUR GIFT LAST NIGHT!

VAMPIRE DOLL
REFLECTIONS

MASTER NIGHT VEIL LEFT WITHOUT A WORD...
IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT HE ISN'T HERE TO SHARE IN THE CELEBRATION.
SPEAKING OF KYOICHI... WHERE IS HE?
HAPPY BIRTHDAY.
HOW BIG!
HOW TACKY

BONUS COMIC STRIP

R•P Guilt-na-Zan Part6

KYOJI "MY DEAR BROTHER" YOTOBARI

Yotobari! Yotobari! He's the amazing exorcist!
HELLO, BOYS AND GIRLS!
WELCOME TO YOTOBARI ISLAND!
CLOSING YOUR EYES WON'T CHANGE REALITY.
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GUILT-NA-ZAN BONUS COMIC STRIPS
ROLE PLAYING GUILT-NA-ZAN

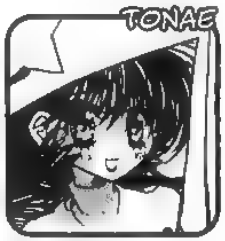
MAIN CHARACTERS

STORY SO FAR:

EMPEROR KYOJI HAS TRANSFORMED GUILT-NA-ZAN INTO A GIRL, SENDING GUILT-NA-ZAN ON A QUEST TO REGAIN HIS TRUE FORM. ALONG THE WAY, HE HAS GAINED TRAVELING COMPANIONS AND UNCOVERED MYSTERIES TO AID IN HIS JOURNEY...

TRANSFORMED INTO A GIRL BY EMPEROR KYOJI, GUILT-NA FIGHTS HARD IN ORDER TO RETURN TO HIS ORIGINAL BODY.

THIS OMNIPRESENT SOURCE OF EVIL IS VERY DIFFICULT TO DEFEAT, WHICH DISCOURAGES PEOPLE FROM FIGHTING HIM.



SHE IS A POWERFUL WITCH WHOSE ABILITIES INCLUDE TURNING ROTTEN RICE BALLS INTO FRESH ONES.

HE IS A BAT WHO SERVES GUILT-NA-ZAN. AS A HEALER, NOT MUCH IS EXPECTED OF HIM IN BATTLE.

A BANDIT WHO SUCKS NEGATIVE ENERGY TO USE AS HIS OWN. HE'S USEFUL IN AND OUT OF BATTLE AND MAKES A PERFECT STRAIGHT-MAN.

THIS MONK IS THE KEY TO REACHING THE DESTINATION WITHOUT SIDETRACKING THE GROUP.

THE PIPSQUEAK SERVANT OF HUGO, DANTE IS A BERSERKER AND VERY STRONG.

DESPITE HIS YOUTHFUL APPEARANCE, HE'S AN OLD MAN. HE'S VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE, BUT HE'S ALSO SENILE.

KYOJI'S OLDER BROTHER. HE OWNS A WEAPON STORE WITH THE BEST SELECTION OF HAUNTED WEAPONS.

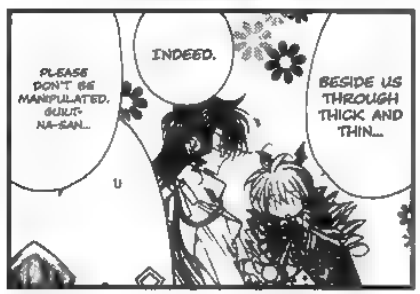
GUILT-NA-ZAN BONUS COMIC STRIPS!

Happy Tourists

The Last Obstacle

NOW I UNDER-STAND.
YOU MUST HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WANT TO KILL YOU.
WEL-COME!
ARE YOU HERE FOR SIGHTSEEING OR AN ATTEMPT ON THE EMPEROR'S LIFE?

Stay With You



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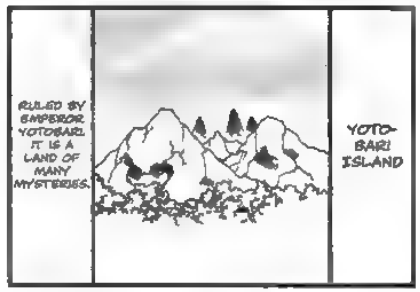

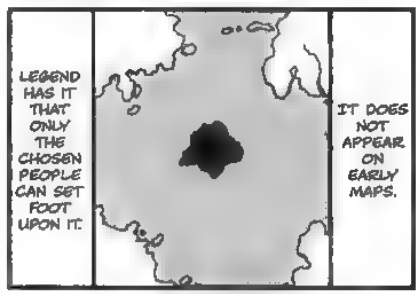

DON'T KILL THE MOOD!
SEVENTY PERCENT OF THE POPULATION HAS THE LAST NAME "YOTOBARI." OUR INDIGENOUS PRODUCT IS PEELIN' CLOTHES.
IN SPRING, CHERRY TREES BLOOM EVERYWHERE.

GUILT-NA-ZAN BONUS COMIC STRIPS!

An Island Called...

.....
OH...I'M SORRY, MY LORD.
WHAT'S WRONG, VINCENT? YOU SEEM LIKE YOU'RE DAYDREAMING.
THIS PLACE REMINDS ME OF THE ISLAND OF MY HOME.
I JUST COULDN'T HELP THINKING ABOUT IT.
SOUNDS MADE-UP TO ME...
IT'S CALLED BELALA BELA ISLAND.
WHAT'S THE NAME OF THAT ISLAND?

Stereotypical Plot Twist

WHAT?!
WHAT'S UP, TONAE?
HEY, BROTHER!
YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
YOU TWO ARE SIBLINGS?!
BETRAYAL
THIS CASTS SUSPICION ON EVERYONE CREATING CONFUSION AND DOUBT..
INTRIGUE
SO A VALUED MEMBER OF THE PARTY IS A SIBLING OF THE EMPEROR?
SHE'S GETTING BETTER AT SEEING THE BIG PICTURE
READERS WILL JUST THINK, "SO WHAT?"
NO... THAT WON'T WORK.

Height

...I HAVE EVER CROSSED THE OCEAN AND COME TO A NEW PLACE.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME...
WHY DON'T I READ THIS TRAVEL BOOK TO YOU?
THE WORLD IS A VAST AND VARIED PLACE.
...ONLY TO DISCOVER HE WAS THE TALLEST PERSON THERE.
GULLIVER ARRIVED IN THE COUNTRY OF LILLIPUT...
A TAD OBSESSED WITH HEIGHT, ARE WE?
PLEASE TELL ME MORE!

Being Old

THAT HAZY RANGE OF ROCKS...
THE BLUE OF THE SEA...
YOU HAVE BEEN TO THIS ISLAND BEFORE?
IT HASN'T CHANGED A BIT.
YES.
IT WAS ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO...
PLEASE DON'T TALK LIKE THAT.
OR...
...WAS IT 200 YEARS AGO?

GUILT-NA-ZAN BONUS COMIC STRIPS!

Travel Video

THE SKY OF YOTOBARI ISLAND
THE WOODS OF YOTOBARI ISLAND
THE BEAUTIFUL GIRLS OF YOTOBARI ISLAND
I SAID, DON'T WASTE PAGES!
WITH SO MANY EXTRA PAGES, WE MUST THINK OF WAYS TO GIVE THE READERS' EYES A REST.
NOW WE ONLY HAVE ONE PAGE LEFT!

Although It's Not Wrong...

JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!
WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS WHY YOU PREFER AN INTRINSICALLY LESS BEAUTIFUL MASCULINE BODY TO THIS EXQUISITE FEMININE ONE.
BASICALLY YOU WANT TO BECOME A MAN AGAIN, RIGHT?
I...CAN BE MYSELF AGAIN?
WELL, THE PROCEDURE IS QUITE SIMPLE.
JUST FOLLOW ME.
SEX CHANGE CLINIC
Let's Operate!
CLINIC
Let's Operate!
DOCTORS HERE ARE VERY SKILLED.
HEY, WHAT'S WRONG? DON'T YOU WANT TO BECOME A MAN?

Dorothy

...AND ESCAPE THIS BEAUTIFUL GIRL'S FIGURE YOU'VE TRANSFORMED ME INTO!
MY GOAL IS TO RETURN TO MY BODY...
NOW I UNDERSTAND YOUR DEEPEST WISH.
I SEE.
THIS IS NOT "THE WIZARD OF OZ"!
WHO WANTS "COURAGE" AND "HEART"?
YOU'RE COMPLICATING THE STORY!
I WANT MORE HEIGHT.

Doodling

THAT'S RIGHT! I'VE FORGOTTEN MY MISSION!
BY THE WAY, WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR VISIT?
LITTLE GIRL SWEET BUN
OH, MY GOD! THAT WAS CLOSE!
THIS WOULD NORMALLY BE THE LAST PAGE.
YOU'RE LUCKY WE HAVE EIGHT PAGES THIS TIME.
Y-YES!
BACK TO THE REAL REASON...
SINCE YOU HAVE EXTRA PAGES...
...YOU'D BETTER MAKE GOOD USE OF THEM.
STOP WASTING PANELS BY SAYING STUPID THINGS!
LET'S GET GOING!
THERE'S EVEN A COLOR PAGE.
IT'S TOO BAD I'M NOT IN IT.

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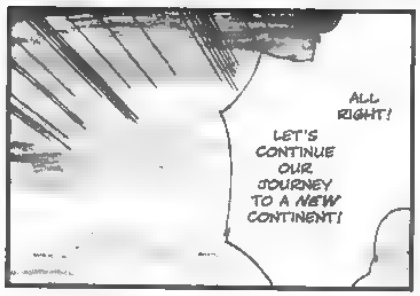
Visions

Together Again?



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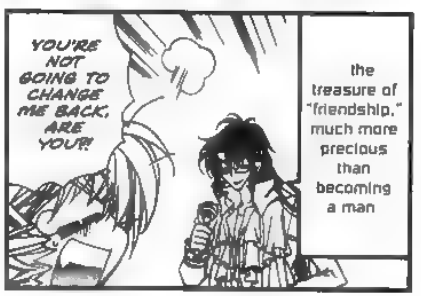

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What Happened to Dune

I LIVE TO BE A BANDIT!
ME? I'M THE SAME.
SHE SEEMS KIND OF PUSHY.
BUT THE CLASS PRESIDENT KEEPS BADGERING ME TO LIVE A LAWFUL LIFE.
ARE YOU TRAINING TO BE A MONK?
YEAH, SHE KEEPS TELLING ME WHAT TO DO.
SHE'S TRYING TO MAKE HIM KATO!!
NO... BUT SHE WANTS ME TO WEAR THIS BALD CAP...

What Happened to Shizuka

AFTER FINISHING THE TRIP, I GOT A LOT OF RECOGNITION AS A MONK.
ME?
OH? WHAT KIND OF JOBS?
GUILT-NA-SAN, IF YOU'RE AVAILABLE, WOULD YOU CARE TO JOIN ME?
I'VE RECEIVED MANY JOB OFFERS.
YOU DON'T MEAN...
THE FIRST IS A TRIP TO INDIA TO OBTAIN BUDDHIST SUTRAS. I NEED MORE PEOPLE IN MY PARTY.
KATO?!
THERE ARE POSITIONS OPEN FOR A MONKEY, A PIG, A HORSE, A KAPPA, AND KATO.

*Kato is a bald comedian.

Magic Item

WELL, HURRY IT UP.
FINALLY I HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE YOU...
WHAT COULD BE SO VITAL?
YOU WILL FIND THIS ITEM OF VITAL USE AS YOU VISIT YOUR FRIENDS.
HERE IT IS!
OH!
YOU'D HAVE TO VISIT THEM DURING A FEAST TO MAKE THAT USEFUL.
HAPPY LITTLE GIRL
I WAS TOLD TO BRING IT WITH ME.

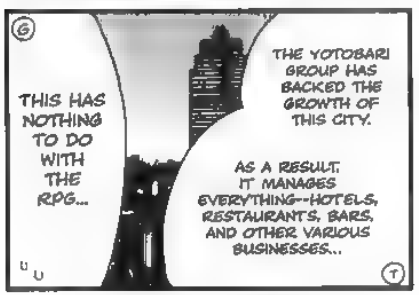
It's a giant rice paddle.

"Wake Up" Says the Voice

HUH...?
GUILT-NA... GUILT-NA... WAKE UP...
WHY DO I HAVE TO DO THAT?
YOU MUST START SEARCHING FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE TAKEN CARE OF YOU.
THEY DO?
I'M BORED, SO I'LL DO IT.
TYPICAL RPG ENDINGS INCLUDE A "WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CHARACTERS" SCENE.
I'M ALREADY HERE!
BE SURE TO VISIT ME, TOO.

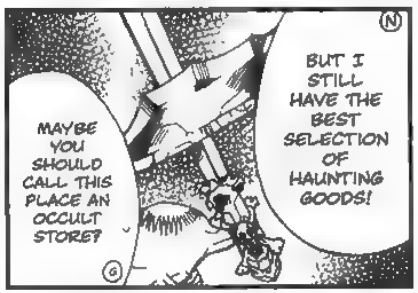
GUILT-NA-ZAN BONUS COMIC STRIPS!

What Happened to Kyoji


THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE RPG...
THE YOTOBARI GROUP HAS BACKED THE GROWTH OF THIS CITY.
AS A RESULT, IT MANAGES EVERYTHING--HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, BARS, AND OTHER VARIOUS BUSINESSES...

I'M NOT GOING TO BE A MONKEY, A PIG, A HORSE, A KAPPA, OR KATO!!
I NEED MORE PEOPLE IN THE GROUP THAT'S GOING TO GET BLUEPRINTS FROM INDIA.

What Happened to Night Veil



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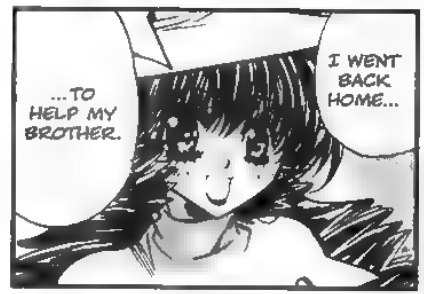
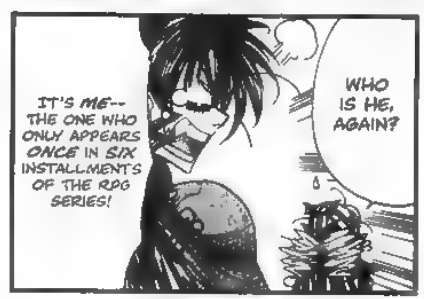
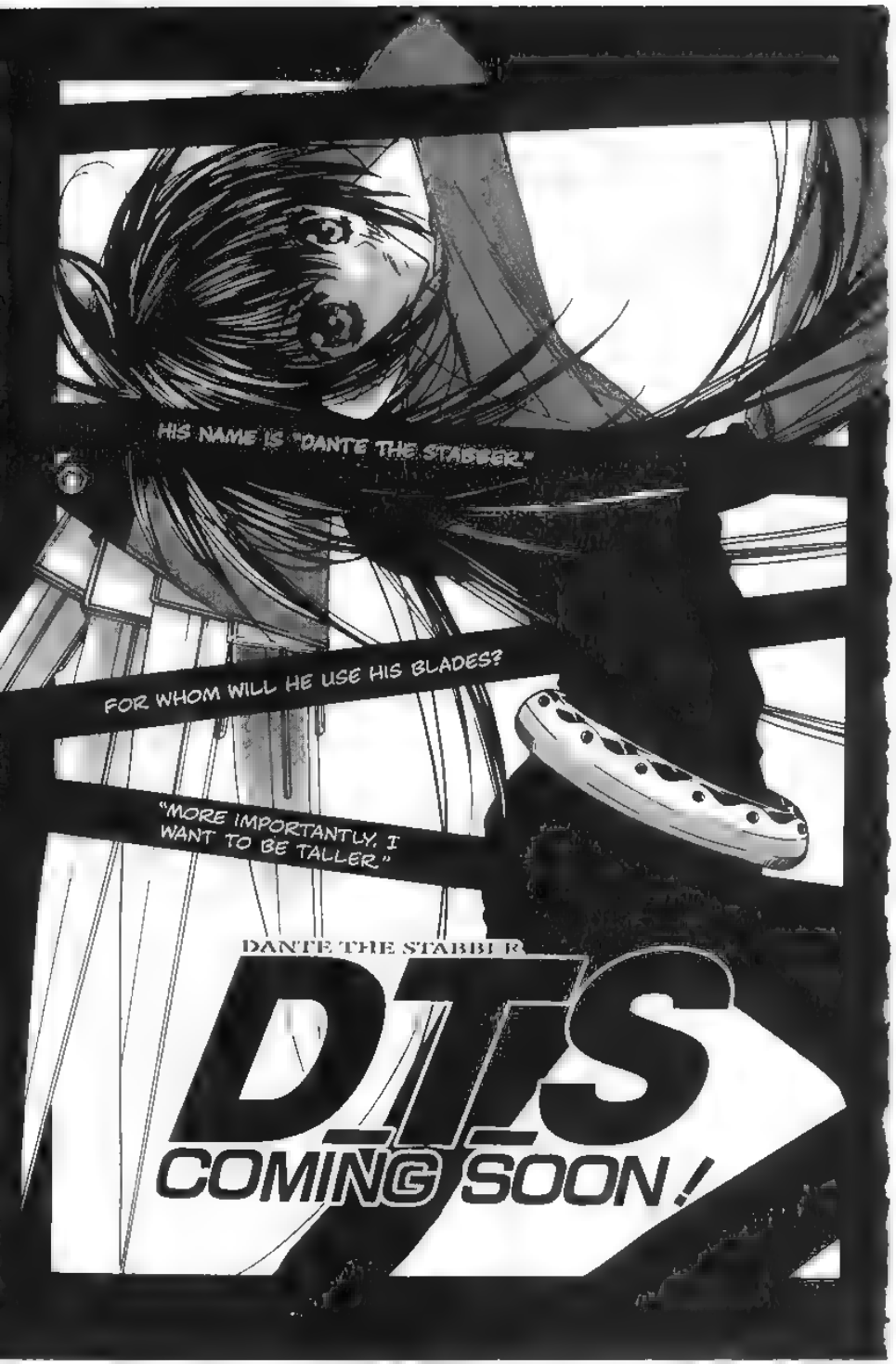




What Happened to Vincent

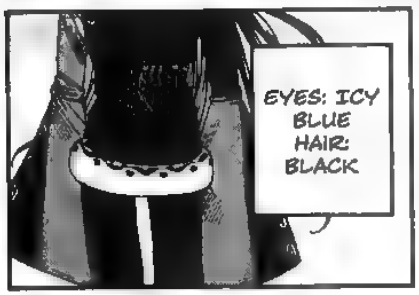

HIS NAME IS "DANTE THE STABBER."
FOR WHOM WILL HE USE HIS BLADES?
"MORE IMPORTANTLY, I WANT TO BE TALLER."
DANTE THE STABBER
DTS
COMING SOON!

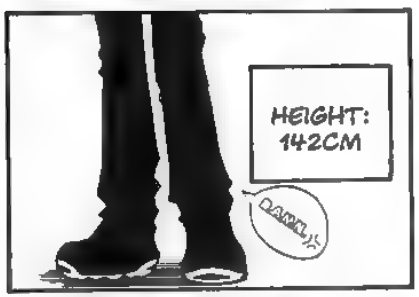
What Happened to Dante

WHAT?! WE STILL HAVE MORE PAGES AFTER THIS?
AND YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT?!
DON'T FALL ASLEEP! WE DON'T HAVE MUCH SPACE LEFT IN THIS PANEL!

What Happened to Hugo

Specs





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(Dante the Stabber)

Part 1

QUILTNA "TRUE HERO" DOLL

GUILT-NA-ZAN BONUS COMIC STRIPS!

Most People

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT MY HEIGHT? I NEVER REALLY CARED ABOUT IT...
VINCENT IS GUILT-NA'S SERVANT.
189cm
I WAS AS TALL AS YOU ARE.
HOW TALL WERE YOU BEFORE?
WHEN I BECOME A BAT, I GET VERY SMALL, LIKE THIS.
YOU CAN'T BE THAT SMALL...
WAIT... MAYBE THIS SMALL...?

Perspective

...IT DEPENDS ON HOW YOU SEE THINGS.
GUILT-NA IS MY FRIEND AND A MONSTER TURNED DOLL, LIKE ME.
153cm
172cm
EVEN SO...
I'M ABOUT 20CM SHORTER THAN I USED TO BE.
THERE ARE SOME BENEFITS TO BEING SMALL, SUCH AS BEING ABLE TO TURN ON A DIME.
OH, MY LORD! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT YOU'RE HAVING A GUEST?!
...THAT'S NOT MUCH OF A--
Vincent hit his head
YOU HAVE A POINT.
SEE?

Touching Memory

SPEAKING OF TALL PEOPLE...
...MY BEST FRIEND, WHO HAS ALREADY PASSED AWAY, WAS VERY TALL.
HE USED TO PAT MY HEAD.
HIS HEIGHT MADE IT EASIER FOR HIM TO DO SO.
?
Dante is sad, happy and missing his old days of being Hugo's best friend

Benefit

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT SO MUCH.
DANTE, AMONG MY DOLLS, YOU'RE A GIANT.
LET'S SEE...
IS THERE ANY BENEFIT TO BEING SMALL?
You're a good boy
IT'S EASY TO PAT YOUR HEAD.
Sad and happy at the same time.

GUILT-NA-ZAN BONUS COMIC STRIPS!

Tamaki-chan

MY BROTHER, TAMAKI-CHAN, PROBABLY KNOWS MORE ABOUT HOW TO BECOME BIGGER.
HE'S A PROFESSOR.
I'M TAMAKI, SHIZUKA'S BROTHER.
DEBUT APPEARANCE: SHIZUKA'S BROTHER
YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW TO BECOME BIGGER, RIGHT?
PLEASE WAIT HERE.
...HE'S EVEN SIMPLER THAN HIS SISTER.
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The Macro Theory

OUR CLASS PRESIDENT IS REALLY SMART AND KNOWLEDGEABLE.
WHY DON'T YOU ASK HER ABOUT IT?
THEREFORE, IF YOU WANT TO BE AS TALL AS VINCENT-SAN...
THE NUTRITION THAT LIVING THINGS CAN USE FOR GROWTH IS TEN PERCENT OF WHAT THEY TAKE IN.
...A SIMPLE CALCULATION SUGGESTS YOU'LL NEED TO EAT 1000 400G STEAKS.
A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
Dante hates meat

Becoming Bigger

YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW TO BECOME TALLER?
DUNE IS ANOTHER NEIGHBORHOOD MONSTER.
ABSORBING NEGATIVE ENERGY?
IN MY CASE, I BECOME BIGGER WHEN I ABSORB ENOUGH NEGATIVE ENERGY.
WHY ARE YOU HOLDING YOUR BREATH?
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YOU'RE GETTING FROGS ALL OVER YOU...
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Nickname

BONUS COMIC STRIP

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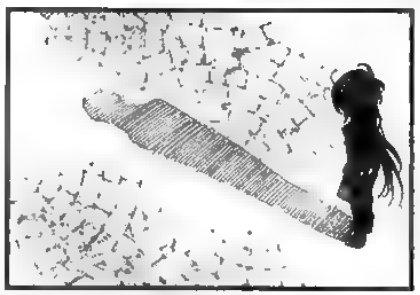
(Dante the Stabber)

Part2

Quick Response

Sad and Happy, Again

Always



GUILT-NA-ZAN BONUS COMIC STRIPS!

Simplicity

HEY! PIP-SQUEAK!
HEY, I SAW YOU GOT FIRST PLACE!
PLEASE JUST LEAVE ME ALONE.
YOU AGAIN?
HE SEEMED REALLY HAPPY THAT YOU WON FIRST PRIZE.
ISN'T THAT BLOND GUY YOUR GUARDIAN?
?
BLISS.

M.V.P.

Scavenger Hunt Race

SOMEONE 140CM TALL
I'M LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO'S 140CM!
IS THERE ANYONE WHO'S ABOUT 140CM TALL?
Anyone 140cm?!
142cm→
IS THIS THE REASON WHY?!

Opening Ceremony

...WE BEGIN THE MITSUHACHI JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS FESTIVAL.
AND NOW...
REALLY?
We, the players, vow to...
WE'LL SEE OUR FRIENDS PLAY SOME SPORTS GAMES!
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...THE MAIN CHARACTER IN THIS CHAPTER?
WHY AM I...

GUILT-NA-ZAN BONUS COMIC STRIPS!

Appearance

EVEN IF WE ONLY HAVE ONE PAGE LEFT!!
LET'S DO OUR BEST!
YES, SIR!
LET'S GO, VINCENT!
ISN'T THAT CHEATING?
WE WERE MISSING A PLAYER AND THE BIG BALL. YOU NEED TO PLAY GIANT BALL RACE.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
Wah! I'm sorry, my Lord!
IT'LL BE OKAY BECAUSE IT IS VINCENT.

Greedy Monster

MR. TAMAKI!
THAT'S LAURENCE!
WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?! HOW CAN YOU BE SO MELLOW YET MOVE SO FAST WHEN IT COMES TO FOOD?!
AH! IFF HAURENF! (OH! IT'S LAURENCE!)
WAIT A MINUTE!
I'M SO SORRY. I'LL GO CONTEMPLATE MY POOR BEHAVIOR IN THE TEACHER'S ROOM.
I ATE IT ALREADY.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO STOLE MY LUNCH! GIVE IT BACK!

Greedy Pig

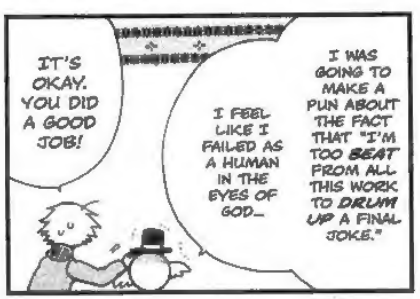
OH! DANTE-KUN!
HEY!
YEP.
I'M IN THE TEACHERS' TOURNA-MENT!
YOU ARE... SHIZUKA'S BROTHER.
"TAMAKI-CHAN," RIGHT?
NEXT UP-- THE BREAD EATING RACE!
NOT AT ALL. I'M SLOW. JUST LIKE SHIZUKA.
CAN YOU RUN FAST, TAMAKI-CHAN?
What?! All the bread is gone?!
SO I MUST RELY ON A PREEMPTIVE STRIKE TO WIN.

Being Busy

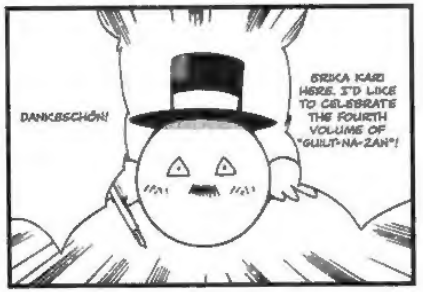
POSTSCRIPT

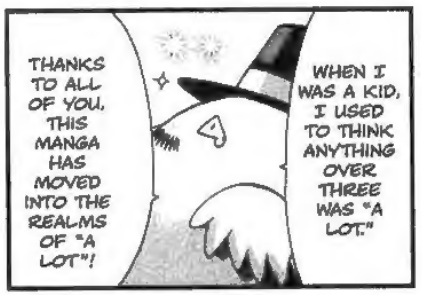
Postscript, Part 2

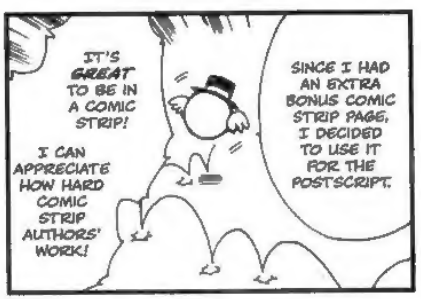
LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THAT ANYMORE...
WHAT KIND OF FLAMMABLE OBJECT ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE ME FOR MY BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR?
HEY! IT'S MY EDITOR, NANBA-SAN!


IT'S OKAY. YOU DID A GOOD JOB!
I FEEL LIKE I FAILED AS A HUMAN IN THE EYES OF GOD...
I WAS GOING TO MAKE A PUN ABOUT THE FACT THAT "I'M TOO BEAT FROM ALL THIS WORK TO DRUM UP A FINAL JOKE."

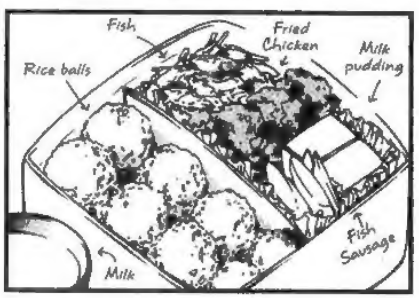
Postscript, Part 1



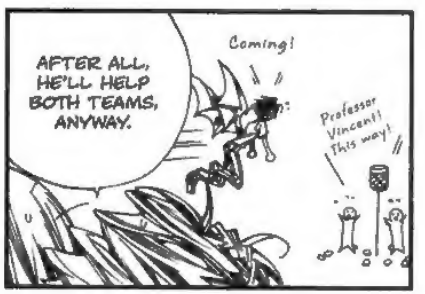

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU, THIS MANGA HAS MOVED INTO THE REALMS OF "A LOT"!
WHEN I WAS A KID, I USED TO THINK ANYTHING OVER THREE WAS "A LOT."


IT'S GREAT TO BE IN A COMIC STRIP!
I CAN APPRECIATE HOW HARD COMIC STRIP AUTHORS' WORK!
SINCE I HAD AN EXTRA BONUS COMIC STRIP PAGE, I DECIDED TO USE IT FOR THE POSTSCRIPT.

Nutritious Lunch



Ball Games



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